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Security tight for Baker visit

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Jerusalem police were taking extensive security precautions in preparation for the planned visit of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, mindful of the bloodshed that preceded his arrival here March 11.

Baker flew to Turkey on Sunday and was due Monday in Israel. [Monday is the CJN news deadline. A full report of Baker's visit will be covered in next week's edition.]

As one security precaution, police extended a ban on the entry of West Bank Arabs into Jerusalem that had been in effect during the Passover holiday, which ended Saturday night. The ban was to be enforced until at least Wednesday, after Baker's departure.

On Tuesday, Palestinians observed the start of the 40th month since the intifada broke out in December 1987, the kind of anniversary invariably accompanied by violence.

The police accordingly clamped a curfew Friday on parts of the Wadi Joz neighborhood at the foot of Mount Scopus in East Jerusalem. Its proximity to the Jewish French Hill neighborhood makes it a probable source of trouble.

But two Israeli Arab residents of Wadi Joz appealed to the High Court of Justice on Sunday to revoke the curfew. They argued that it is illegal to impose curfews on areas where Israeli citizens reside.

A skirmish broke out in Wadi Joz on Sunday, when young Arabs blocked traffic on the neighborhood's main thoroughfare with barricades of trash bins. Masked youths stoned border police who came to remove them.

The police measures are being taken with fresh memories of the carnage in Jerusalem on March 10, the day before Baker's first visit to Israel.

A Palestinian from the Gaza Strip fatally stabbed four Jewish woman at a bus stop in the Kiryat Yovel neighborhood in the western part of the city. The assailant, who shouted "Allahu Akhbar" (God is Great) as he slashed his victims, told police later that he wanted to send a "message to Baker."

Washington's announcement Friday that Baker would be returning to the Middle East came as a surprise.

When he was last here, the secretary spoke of U.S. President George Bush's strong desire to visit the region soon to advance the peace process. But according to some analysts, Baker failed to make sufficient progress to warrant a presidential visit.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sought to assure his cabinet ministers that they have no cause for alarm that Baker's visit spells new pressure on Israel.

Shamir avoided a full-scale cabinet debate in advance of the talks. He said he would hold consultations Monday with Foreign Minister David Levy and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, prior to working sessions with Baker on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the prime minister counseled his colleagues not to heed Israeli media speculation that Baker will upbraid the government over Housing Minister Ariel Sharon's new settlement drive in the West Bank or demand a binding commitment by Israel to UN Security Council Resolution 242, which stipulates that territory must be relinquished for peace.

The short time that elapsed since Baker's last visit and the apparent haste with which his latest jaunt was arranged have given rise to speculation that the administration is seriously concerned that the opportunity to resolve the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian disputes is fast slipping away.

That was confirmed in Washington by Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, who said Sunday on NBC-TV's *Meet the Press* program that the administration fears the "window of opportunity" created by the Persian Gulf war will be lost.

"Whether there is also the willingness to take the harder steps that are necessary on each side is what we have to find out," Scowcroft explained, adding, "That's the reason Secretary Baker has returned only such a short time after his first trip."

Baker was due in Israel Monday night from Turkey and was scheduled to leave Wednesday for Cairo, and possibly Damascus and other capitals in the region.

Elly Gotz, chairman of the memorial tile project of Toronto's Jewish Congress' Holocaust Remembrance Committee, points to one of 500 tiles honoring Holocaust victims.

Memorial tiles recall victims of Holocaust

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Just three days prior to Yom Hashoah, the largest-ever collective unveiling of memorial tiles, each paying tribute to a victim of the Holocaust, was attended last Sunday by some 200 men, women and children standing shoulder to shoulder inside the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in Willowdale.

Two-hundred and twenty tiles were unveiled following a moving memorial service in the centre's darkness by Cantor Joseph Cooper, cantor emeritus of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The five-inch by three-inch porcelain tiles, painted in black with names of victims, their home towns and their place of death, occupy a small, circular, light-soaked area inside the centre, a place that invites quiet meditation or the saying of yizkor.

Often, a tile is the sole tribute to the victim.

The five-year-old memorial tile project of Toronto Jewish Congress's Holocaust Remembrance Committee is one of the community's better kept secrets, it seems.

"We have room for over 2,000 tiles and we now have about 500," said the project's chairman, Elly Gotz, a survivor of Dachau.

There is no charge to put up a tile. All the committee asks for is a donation.

Families may put up tiles for relatives, loved ones or in the name of a town wiped out by Hitler's armies, Gotz said.

In a small space, the tiles can trigger haunting images of the Holocaust. Some bear family names with birthplaces like cosmopolitan Berlin and places of death like Auschwitz and Treblinka. One says simply, "Hannele."

For Auschwitz survivor Moshe Kantorowitz, the tiles have a special significance.

Kantorowitz, who bears the tattooed number 99347 on his forearm, speaks to non-Jewish schoolchildren about the Holocaust.

The children have repaid him with a tile memorializing his 51 relatives, including his parents and siblings, gassed at Auschwitz.

"It not only enshrines the names of dear ones," Kantorowitz says of the tile project, "but it serves as an educational tool for generations to come."

GRIEVING LOVED ONE

An unidentified man grieves over the grave of a loved one in a military cemetery during last year's remembrance day for all the dead of Israel's wars. This year Yom Hazikaron falls on April 17. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Centenarian gets pacemaker

JERUSALEM —

History was made recently at Bnai Zion Medical Centre in Haifa when a pacemaker was fitted to the heart of a man believed to be aged 106.

When the unconscious patient was brought to Bnai Zion by his children, his pulse rate was down to a life threatening 20 beats per minute (one quarter the normal rate).

Head of the cardiology department at Bnai Zion, Prof. Edward Avi-Neder, said that fitting a pacemaker to a person of this age is practically unheard of. He explained that because the patient was "biologically fit" he could undergo surgery. "Despite his advanced age we followed routine procedure and fitted the pacemaker. he would have died without it," he said.

The camera shy patient, who, before collapsing had told his son he "felt a bit weak," said, "I offer my thanks to God and to his servants, the surgeons. The Lord gives and takes life."

According to Bnai Zion staff, the old man says he is really "only" 90 years old. But, according to his daughter, he acts more like a 20-year-old. However, the officially accepted birthdate is the one appearing on his Identity Card — 1885.

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Nashman group proving a success

CJC launches outreach project for Jewish singles

TORONTO —

A group of Toronto Jewish singles has successfully tested a pilot project which it believes can serve as a model of how Jewish singles can meet and develop friendships.

The Jewish identity committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, initiated the outreach project to single Jews in 1990. It was an outgrowth of the regional task force on assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish identity.

At the monthly meeting of the CJC regional executive committee, Gary Matalon reported that many Toronto Jewish singles seem to feel that existing programs do not meet their needs, and carry an undesirable stigma.

He said his group, which decided not to affiliate itself with any institution, has grown in a year from 15 singles between the ages of 25 and 35, to 500 persons aged 25 to 45.

Personal contact and small group get-togethers in an informal setting of people with similar backgrounds and interests have proven to be very successful, related Matalon.

The group has been named for Harold and Yetta Nashman — members of the Jewish identity committee who hosted the first meeting in their home for the singles, and continued to facilitate events and programs.

The essential components for connecting singles, according to a report by this group to the Jewish identity committee, are: starting with a small, compatible group of 10 to 15; personal phone invitations from members of the initial group to friends; changing the mix of people for each meeting; meeting in homes of established members of the community or parents of group members; combining formal discussion with informal socializing; and emphasizing the purpose of the group is to provide an opportunity to meet new friends, not to be a matchmaker.

Following brunches or afternoon teas in private homes — each for about 50 persons — the Nashman group last year held a one-day event at Camp Wahanowin attended by 250 singles.

"We believe a grassroots, word-of-mouth approach is essential," said Matalon, emphasizing that the singles groups should not become institutionalized. The Nashman group would be pleased to act as facilitators in starting new homes, he declared.

Anyone wishing more information is asked to call Eti Young of CJC at (416) 635-2883, ext. 180.

Matalon was introduced to the CJC executive committee meeting by Faygie Schwartz, co-chairman of the Jewish identity committee, who reported on proposals considered for implementation.

They include expansion of Jewish Information Services and a gift package to all Jewish mothers of newborn babies "to promote the positive values of Jewish living."

Also at the Congress meeting, regional chairman Eric Slavens reported that Ontario Premier Bob Rae, opposition leader Robert Nixon and Conservative leader Mike Harris are among those planning to attend the CJC's MPPs reception at the Lipa Green Building on April 9.

Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (a CJC committee), updated the meeting regarding the issue of government funding for Jewish education.

Jack Silverstone, Congress national executive director who also serves as CJC general counsel, reported to the executive the latest developments on bringing to trial alleged Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

Robert (Eli) Rubinstein and Faygie Schwartz co-chairmen of the Jewish identity committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, review the report of a pilot outreach project to single Jews in Toronto.

BBYO puts focus on "green" at 1991 AZA/BBG meeting

WASHINGTON, DC —

Over 100 youth leaders, representing 30,000 Jewish teens worldwide, convened recently at the B'nai Brith International building in Washington, DC for the 1991 AZA/BBG executive board meetings.

This year's annual conference brought B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) presidents from BBYO councils, regions, and districts throughout North America, Israel, France, and England to the nation's capital to conduct business, enhance leadership skills, and set the tone for the coming programming year.

Highlights of the meeting included a White House briefing where the youth were addressed by the National Security Council's director of Near East and South Asian Affairs C. David Welch. Welch gave an update on conditions in the Persian Gulf and offered the youth an opportunity to ask questions.

Clark Kent Ervin, associate director at the Office of National Service, also spoke to the group at the White House. Consistent with BBYO's commitment to community service, Ervin discussed the Bush administration's efforts to help the nation's needy with affordable housing, health care, education, etc.

Each year BBYO chooses a social issue on which to focus as its international "program thrust." This year's program thrust, Project E.A.R.T.H. (Everyone has A Responsibility To our Home), educates BBYO members about environmental concerns and encourages them to become involved in projects aimed at cleaning up the environment and protecting it from further disrepair.

In an effort to educate the BBYO leaders about environmental issues and provide them with the ability to motivate their members to action, the youth split into several groups, each visiting an organization dealing with environmental issues.

Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, the Environmental Protection Agency, Wilderness Society and New Forest Fund were among the organizations visited. Each group reported back to the entire body on the information it had gained in areas ranging from deforestation and biological diversity in ecosystems to global warming and the Judaic view on environmental involvement.

BBYO members worldwide became active in volunteer war efforts. Rabbi Simeon Kobrinetz, deputy director of the Chaplain's Service at the Veterans Administration, met with the youth, making them aware of the many volunteer programs and community service efforts in which BBYOers can become involved.

Writing letters to servicemen and women in the Gulf, donating Passover Seder kits, visiting wounded soldiers in the hospital, and offering support to military families suffering hardships were among the Rabbi's suggestions.

In their business meetings, the youth executives voted to recommend Children NOW as the 1991-1992 International Program Thrust. This program idea will be introduced to the 1991 BBYO International Convention in August and will focus on children's rights and improving the quality of life for children throughout the world.

Other business covered included recommendations for outstanding alumni award recipients; choosing persons to be recognized in the BBYO Memorial Grove; a recommendation for restructuring the BBG international board; a proposal for the 1991-1992 membership drive; and a new formula for deciding the number of delegates sent to International Convention.

Israel Summer Institute readies for annual program for teens

WASHINGTON, DC —

With the end of the war in the Persian Gulf, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) has announced that it's "full steam ahead" for the BBYO Israel Summer Institute (ISI).

Every summer since 1956 BBYO has sent hundreds of North American teenagers to Israel on a six-week program combining touring, experimental learning, and educational seminars. This summer will be no different.

In fact, BBYO hopes this year's program will be larger and more successful than in past years, as Israel desperately needs the support of the Jewish diaspora and a boost in tourism to embellish the ailing Israeli economy.

With thousands of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews making aliya, this is truly a momentous time in Israel's history. Thus, as the olim are discovering their Judaism for the first time, this is an ideal time for North Americans to travel to Israel, strengthening their Jewish identity and connection with the Jewish homeland.

"In nearly 35 years of sending youth to Israel, BBYO has never cancelled a trip. Even during the war, BBYO was busy making plans and promoting ISI," explains BBYO summer programs director Marlene Zakai.

"We had only two dozen registered for ISI before the fighting ended. Since the cease fire, however, we have been flooded with phone calls and inquiries, and the applications are flowing into the office."

BBYO's Israel Summer Institute is nationally recognized as one of the finest Israel summer programs. Open to Jewish youth age 15 and older, this six-week program is designed to be both educational and exciting for the 200 teens who participate each year. A unique feature of the ISI is the opportunity to choose from four special focus groups: ISI Archeology, ISI Sea-To-Sea, ISI Great Outdoors, and ISI Eastern Europe.

Archeology and history buffs, alongside professional field archeologists, spend seven days digging for artifacts and ancient treasures while learning the history of the site.

Sea-To-Sea participants enjoy Israel's beaches and waterways — snorkeling, fishing, kayaking, and building and sailing their own raft under the supervision of trained aquatic professionals.

The Great Outdoors program attracts the adventurer who enjoys camping out under the stars in the Negev desert, hiking mountain trails, discovering Israel's nature and scenic wonders. All Great Outdoors participants receive special survival skills training, including camping skills, canoeing, mountain climbing, etc.

New to the ISI program this year is the Eastern Europe group. This unique focus group was initiated in response to the overwhelming success of BBYO's March of the Living program.

The tour incorporates five days in Poland — on a mission of remembrance — visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz, Treblinka, Auschwitz and Birkenau, with two days in Budapest, Hungary and four weeks in Israel to form an extraordinary program looking into the past, present, and future of the Jewish people.

All ISI itineraries include travel to all of Israel's historic sites in Jerusalem, Galil/Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and the Negev, and most incorporate into the program a week on a moshav or kibbutz and a home hospitality weekend with the family of an Israeli member of BBYO.

For more information about the BBYO Israel Summer Institute, call (202) 857-6633 or write: Registrar, BBYO Israel Summer Institute, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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CJC to join coalition

Quebec ethnic groups unite to discuss province's future

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The Jewish, Italian and Greek communities' joint announcement to spend the coming months meeting with their respective members across Canada about Quebec's future partly stemmed from the Belanger-Campeau commission report not visibly taking into account what their briefs had to say, a news conference was told last week.

Max Bernard, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' Community Relations Committee in Quebec, said at the first public appearance of what was termed a "historic coalition" to address Quebec's constitutional future, that the three communities "saw no specifics" one way or the other into how their respective briefs were treated in the final B & C report.

"We don't know what was taken into account," said Bernard, joined by Alfredo Folco of the National Italian Congress of Quebec and by the Hellenic Congress of Quebec's Dr. Thanasis Katsarkas, in a room overflowing with media. "There were a lot of briefs not (seen) in the final report."

A few skeptical reporters repeatedly asked the trio what the three communities hoped to achieve by banding together since the commission had already heard their cases and most French-Quebecers already seemed bent on sovereignty.

Folco, speaking on behalf of the group, replied that the purpose of the coalition was to help inform, clarify and "sensitize" their own communities and Quebecers outside the province, on the myriad of complex issues raised by the constitutional debate.

These ranged from the economic ramifications of Quebec separating and the implications for Canada's native peoples, to responding to the concerns and possible fears among their ethnic constituents as Quebec headed towards a referendum next year.

Regardless of what the future brings, "We (the three communities) are here to stay," Folco said. "hopefully under optimal conditions."

"We have to show that it is not business as usual in Canada," Katsarkas said. "That if Quebec separates, it won't (any longer) be the Canada we know."

The group hoped that the majority of Quebecers, while obviously seeking a revised status, could still see the benefits of keeping federalist links once the issues were clarified.

Not in doubt, the group said, was its own firm commitment to some form of "renewed federalism," its faith that Quebec could retain its fundamentally pluralistic and democratic character, and its determination to make sure the debate was not perceived as being polarized between anglophones and francophones.

"We are all Quebecers," Katsarkas said.

He said the three groups, numbering more than 400,000, and the one-third of Canadians of neither "British", not French extraction, can't be "marginalized" as they have tended to be so far in the debate.

The first meeting for Greek-Canadians is expected to take place in London, Ont., next month, he said.

Bernard said the discussions were sure to extend to other ethnic groups as well.

And "we will talk to anyone who will talk to us," including federal government representatives if so inclined, Bernard said.

Later, Bernard said he felt a poll citing 70 per cent of Quebecers as favoring sovereignty meant sovereignty "with some sort of links" to the rest of Canada.

"If that means renewed federalism, that's fine," Bernard said. "We're saying Canada should not give up on Quebec."

Bernard's "personal position" was that Quebec would be a "lot worse off" economically if it secedes.

Katsarkis, in answer to a question, saw no necessary link between Quebec nationalism and racism, as recently expressed in a preliminary task force report to Secretary of State Gerry Weiner.

"No one (in the task force) asked our opinion," he said.

Bernard said the expectation is that Quebec would continue to "treat minorities well" even if it becomes sovereign.

In a four-page joint bilingual statement issued to reporters, the coalition hoped that whatever the future brings, "Quebecers will continue to thrive and maintain a quality of life for which we have all worked very hard. Our common future is bound up in our skill in developing a partnership between the diverse communities."

The coalition emphasized it recognized the need to promote the French language and Quebec culture, but while keeping Quebec in Canada.

The group's statement also said:

"Our communities and their institutions have evolved considerably over the past decades and will undoubtedly continue to do so...

"Our common future is linked to our ability to build partnerships between communities.

"As important decisions regarding our future are about to be made we believe it is important that all Quebecers understand their full ramifications."

The group also reiterated the five common constitutional positions that led to the first association between the three organizations (CJN, March 28).

Pekarsky seeking consensus at CIC

By
PAUL LUNGEN

VANCOUVER — On April 25, Vancouver businessman Daniel Pekarsky will chair his first meeting of the board of directors of the Canada-Israel Committee.

For the high-profile executive, the meeting could be a seminal event. Already the subject of criticism from the organization's Quebec wing, and heading an organization whose executive structure was recently revamped, Pekarsky said he aims at forging a consensus among the six national organizations and federations which back the CIC.

That has not always been a simple task. Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada, two of the six, have in past years been outspoken on matters that many felt were within the proper domain of the CIC.

Recent changes to the lobby group's administrative structure are aimed at addressing that problem, and Pekarsky said "I'm certainly going to call upon each organization to respect the need for a united, single voice in the area where we have this agreement about the CIC mandate — advocacy for Israel."

In an interview in his glass-walled office on the 17th floor of a Vancouver office tower, with a view overlooking the city's scenic Burrard Inlet and the north shore mountains, Pekarsky said the draft agenda for the Toronto meeting is very wide-ranging.

"I think we have a lot of ground to cover, starting with decision-making processes right through to structure."

Pekarsky, president and chief executive officer of Rothschild Corporation (Canada) Inc., feels he can bring his personal management style to the CIC to ensure the lobby group speaks with a single, authoritative voice.

"I'm very hands-on and expect a lot of communication. I expect a lot of cooperation and responsiveness," he said, adding that the "the spirit with which everyone is approaching this is positive."

One of his goals is to improve relations with Thomas Hecht, leader of the group's Quebec wing, who was outspoken in criticizing Pekarsky's election as national chairman.

Hecht, who had been vying for the position, suggested Pekarsky was unknown nationally and had little familiarity with the work of the CIC. He also questioned whether the delegates representing the six constituent groups behind the CIC had voted in accordance with instructions from those organizations.

Daniel Pekarsky

Pekarsky acknowledged that criticism from the Quebec wing presented an "unhealthy" situation. But he has subsequently spoken with Hecht. "I think we have a good, open line of communication," he said, adding he anticipated no problems working together.

During the CIC's mid-March meetings in Ottawa, Pekarsky said he had received "tremendous outpouring of support" from people across Canada, including Quebecers.

Pekarsky said the Quebec wing of the CIC will continue to play an important advocacy role for the organization and "we will have the people there to do the job."

He said he viewed one of the CIC's primary goals as enhancing Israel's image among Canadian policy-makers.

"I see this today as very much of a marketing problem. You have events in Israel being dealt with there and being described by Israelis in the language of their own land and culture."

A large part of the CIC task will be "to translate from an Israeli language to a Canadian language and to be sure that these events are being considered with those same sensitivities in mind" and with an appreciation of the history, security issues and regional politics that are involved, he said.

Racism campaign launched

OTTAWA — Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner attended the launch of a national campaign against racism by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) towards which his department contributed $194,250.

"Television and radio are powerful media in educating the public about the costs of racism and that is why my department and I are so pleased to be associated with the CAB in this major venture to raise the public's awareness of the need to fight racial discrimination," Weiner said.

March 21 was chosen as the launching of the year-long campaign to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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CJC gets ready for election in British Columbia

VANCOUVER —

The resignation on April 2 of Bill Vander Zalm as premier of British Columbia brings a provincial election a step closer.

The five-year mandate of the Social Credit government runs out in October but speculation in the Legislature press gallery is that the Socreds will hold a leadership convention in June and the new leader will take the party into an election shortly after — possibly before Labor Day.

In preparation for the election, Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific Region is sending out a questionnaire to all constituency presidents and candidates to get their views on a broad range of matters.

In a letter accompanying the questionnaire, Herb Silber, provincial political liaison chairman of the CJC, says the survey reflects "not only what we believe to be the particular interests of the Jewish community, but also the wide range of concerns of the Canadian community in general, and British Columbians in particular. We feel these questions must be addressed if we are to maintain a truly free, democratic and pluralistic society in Canada."

Silber emphasizes that CJC has been involved with election-related issues for many years but as a non-partisan organization, CJC does not endorse any candidate for public office. "We do, however, conduct research, carry out public education and policy analysis and advocate positions on a variety of national and international issues . . . This is consonant with our duty and right as citizens to participate in the political life of Canada."

Among the questions asked are the following:

What role do you see the B.C. government playing in combatting hate propaganda and racially-motivated crime?

What are your views on the appointment by the attorney-general of a crown counsel whose specific responsibilities would include collecting and analysing available information regarding propagation of racial hatred; monitoring and prosecuting racist groups and individuals; and acting as the liaison for the attorney-general and various ethnic groups in the province?

What is your position on the enactment of a Discriminatory Business Practices Act, such as in Manitoba and Ontario, which would prohibit business practices on the basis of race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry, place of origin, and sex? This would prohibit the refusal to do business for fear of the Arab boycott of Israel.

What system should the education system in British Columbia assume in addressing such odious matters as bias, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination? Do you believe that education regarding the Holocaust can be instrumental in addressing these issues?

What commitments should the province make to implement B.C.'s new multicultural policy?

What is your position regarding funding by the B.C. government of heritage language programs?

What is your position regarding government funding of programs of an ethno-cultural nature to assist the elderly and disabled members of our population?

What role do you see the B.C. government playing in connection with the settlement of refugees in this province? And what do you believe should be done to provide support for the integration of immigrants and refugees?

What should the process be to bring about a just and fair resolution to the aboriginal rights claims of the native peoples of B.C.?

Do you believe the composition of public sector employees should reflect the diversity of the ethnic, cultural and religious segments that make up B.C. society? If so, how can these objectives be achieved?

Canada's war crime unit loses third official

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canada's war crime investigations unit is losing another top official.

Supt. Don Maas is leaving his post as head of the RCMP wing of the war crimes unit, effective April 12. A successor has not yet been named.

Maas, 51, has headed the RCMP force since June, 1988. For six months prior to that, he was a senior investigator in the unit.

His retirement follows within months the departures of Bill Hobson, head of the war crimes unit, and its deputy director, Arnold Fradkin.

Maas said he is retiring from the RCMP to take a job as chief of police in Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Maas acknowledged that there has been "some turnover" in the war crimes unit since its inception and that "anytime someone leaves, there is a void. But I don't think it will be a big void."

Since his involvement in the unit, he has seen its RCMP staff grow from 16 officers to its current complement of 28, including support staff. Some of the current investigators include those who assisted Judge Jules Deschenes in his 1985-86 investigations into Nazi war criminals living in Canada, Maas said.

During his involvement in war crimes investigations, three individuals have been charged under Canada's 1987 war crimes legislation. The first, Imre Finta, was acquitted of all charges relating to his role as a Hungarian gendarme officer in 1944, while kidnapping charges against Stephen Reistetter, a former district party chief of the pro-Nazi government of Slovakia, were recently dropped by the Crown.

The third, Michael Pawlawski of Renfrew, Ont., faces multiple charges of murder in connection with the deaths of 490 Jews and Poles in White Russia in 1942.

Maas said the greatest difficulty facing investigators is locating witnesses and documents. That is a very slow process because the crimes took place in foreign countries and it is difficult finding witnesses to back up the accusations concerning events of 50 years ago, he said.

Responding to criticisms that investigators are not sufficiently motivated to pursue war crimes cases, Maas said "there is fire in the belly. But before (a case) goes to court, it must be able to withstand the scrutiny of the court."

Seen here are (from left) Don Maas, Solicitor-General Pierre Cadieux, CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone and Milton Harris, chairman of CJC's war crimes committee.

When you couple that with the difficulty of obtaining witnesses and documentation, you can see why it appears things are moving slowly, he added.

Prior to his involvement with the war crimes unit, Maas had been posted in Yellowknife, NWT. Before that he was an overseas liaison officer in West Germany, where he was "very much involved" in investigating alleged war crimes. Maas said he would run checks at various archives to determine whether individuals who wished to immigrate to Canada had clean records.

In the 1970s, Maas was involved in the investigation of international terrorism.

Dmitri Berman staying put in Canada's Soviet embassy

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Dmitri Berman, 26, has been under asylum in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow for three months and there is no sign of doors opening in his ardent quest to go to Israel.

A dramatic attempt by two Canadian lawyers, Bert and Stan Raphael of Toronto, to bring him to Canada from Moscow has failed. The brothers flew to Moscow hoping to convince the Soviet authorities to let him out of Russia as a gesture of Canadian-Soviet goodwill. "Maybe I was naive," said Bert Raphael.

Berman was convicted of the murder of a Red Army soldier, then cleared by an Appeal Court. When he applied to go to Israel, the authorities took his passport and other papers. Then they announced they wanted to try him again.

That is when (Jan. 2) Berman headed for the Canadian Embassy because so many Canadian Jews supported his attempts to get his conviction overturned.

The Canadian government has indicated it would look favorably on an application by Berman to go to Canada but the Soviets would have to agree to let him go.

The Raphaels, who have been retained by Berman to represent him, have written to Richard Ovannikov, the new Soviet Ambassador to Canada, urging him to use his high office to allow Berman and his family safe passage.

Bert Raphael, who is a member of the National Soviet Jewry Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said Berman has a good-sized room in the Embassy, sleeps fitfully on a cot, has a stereo, toilet and shower, a telephone, lots of books, and exercises daily in the courtyard.

"He has been checked over by doctors. His eyes are like slits, they may have been affected by drugs given to him in prison or beatings," Raphael said.

"He is adamant that he will not turn himself over to the Soviets because he is convinced that as soon as he does they will slap him into a psychiatric hospital and declare him insane."

Raphael believes "a silly jurisidictional fight" between Moscow and Kiev over whether the central government or the Moldavian authorities in the Ukraine should be in charge of the case may be holding up Berman's release. The soldier allegedly murdered was a Moldavian. But there are indications now that Moscow is definitely in charge, Raphael said.

Before Berman took refuge in the Canadian Embassy, the rest of his family had exit visas for Israel. But his father and brother have stayed in Moscow and the rest of the family have gone back to Nikolayev in the Ukraine awaiting events.

The Raphael brothers were unable to find out from the Soviet Foreign Ministry or the Procurator General what new evidence they have which they say justifies a new trial.

Under Canadian law, and he believes under Soviet law as well, it is illegal to try a person on a charge after an appeal court has ruled, Raphael said.

One of the complicating factors in the situation, he said, is that the physical evidence used against Berman in the trial, tools, for example, no longer exists. The alleged murder scene is also a thing of the past. It has been reconstructed into a park.

The good news, Raphael said, is that the Canadian Embassy and Canadian government show no sign of handing over Berman to the Soviets. "They seem ready to outlast the Soviets on this one," he said. "Hats off to them."

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Canadian "heroes" fought in War of Independence

By
FRANCES KRAFT

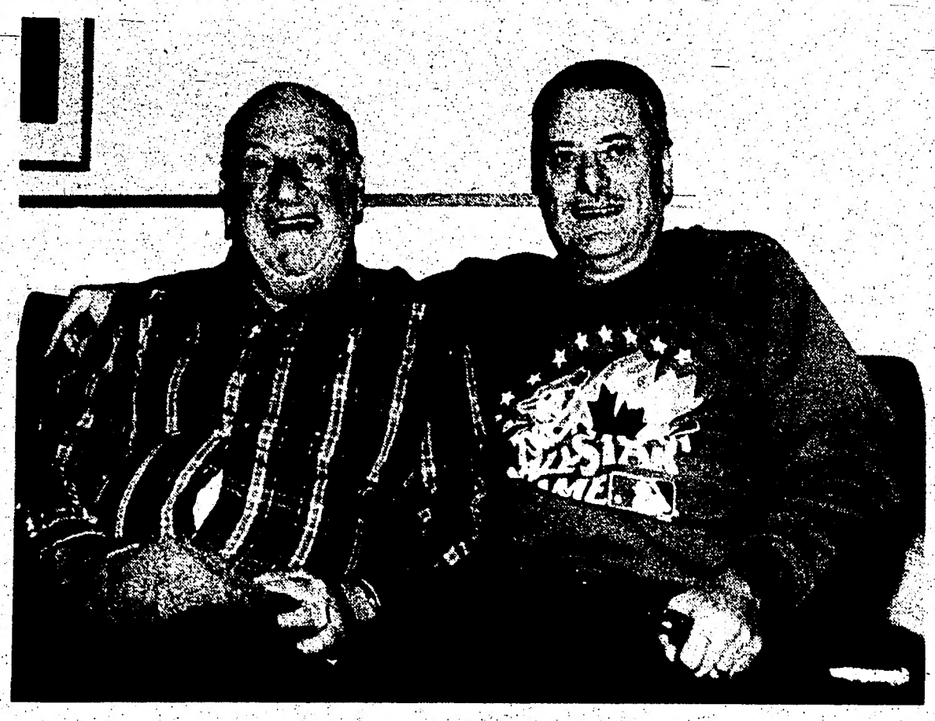
TORONTO —

As we celebrate Israel's 43rd anniversary next week, many in the Toronto Jewish community are unaware of local heroes who fought as volunteers in Israel's War of Independence.

"The Israelis said we were stupid (for volunteering when we were liable to get killed)," recalls Harold Kates, a retired Toronto auto mechanic, "but they appreciated us being there."

The members of Machal (an acronym for the Hebrew words, Mitnadvei Chutz L'Aretz, or overseas volunteers) were not only putting their lives on the line (about a dozen Canadians were killed in action, according to Kates), but perhaps their citizenship too, by volunteering in a foreign army.

Machal, a 4,000-strong group at the time of the War of Independence, was comprised of about 350 Canadians (of whom 60 or so were from the Toronto area), over 800 British volunteers, about 800 South Africans, a sizable group from the United States (between 600 and 1,300, depending whom you ask), as well as smaller groups from Central and South America, Australia, France, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and other countries.



Harold Kates (left) and Joe Warner, Toronto "Machalniks," will march in the Israel Day parade this June in New York City. [Frances Kraft photo]

The majority of the "Machalniks" were Jewish, although there were a few non-Jews, some of whom still maintain ties with the group (Toronto members meet informally three or four times a year). There were also some women volunteers, most of whom worked in the medical field, such as nursing.

Probably the best-known Machalnik is Vidal Sassoon, the British hairdressing mogul who is Jewish.

Sassoon, who joined at 17, was one of the youngest volunteers; most were veterans of the Second World War and in their early 20s. Joe Warner, a Torontonian who has worked in sales and marketing for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals for over 30 years, is probably typical.

Warner volunteered for Machal in 1947 when he heard that Palestine was being partitioned into Israeli and Arab sections. An unmarried pharmacy student at the time, he'd been in the Air Force in the Second World War and "had no responsibilities as such." He assumed as did other veterans who volunteered, that his skills could be useful to Machal.

Operations were conducted in secrecy, beginning from day one, although it was fairly common knowledge that Machal existed, as evidenced by the following story:

Warner, along with the majority of volunteers, had been sent to France on his way to Israel. His cover story was that he was a student going to spend the summer in France. When his ship docked at Cannes, an immigration official asked him how much money he had with him, to which he replied "Twenty-five dollars." When asked, "Why so little?," he answered that he had lost money playing poker on the ship.

"How will you manage for the summer? "he was asked. Warner replied that he had a cousin living near Marseilles (which was true), and that he would cable home for money from his cousin's. "Be careful when you get to Palestine," was the official's response.

Jerry Rosenberg, a Torontonian who had served in the Canadian Navy during the Second World War, discovered on his return that the Navy had a dossier on his activities in Israel.

Rosenberg had left with the first group of Canadian volunteers early in 1948. Eight of them travelled from New York to Le Havre, France on a ship called the Marine Tiger.

After a week's training in the south of France, they sailed from Marseilles to Haifa on the Kedma. Rosenberg joined the Givati regiment, whose duties included keeping the road to Jerusalem clear so that supplies could be brought in.

Vidal Sassoon

Harold Kates assembled Messerschmidts (which came from Czechoslovakia in pieces) when he was in Machal. He remembers putting a Magen David on one of the first Messerschmidts to fly with Israeli Air Force markings. "It was a very emotional time."

Rosenberg recalls feelings of camraderie and singleness of purpose. "It was a unique feeling which I've never felt since."

Many of the Machalniks have maintained their ties with Israel. Some of them made their homes in Israel and were instrumental in establishing Kibbutz Kissufim near the Gaza Strip and Moshav Kfar Daniel near Lod Airport, both of which are still in existence.

Rosenberg has been back many times and volunteered in Israel last year, as did Kates.

Machal veteran Irving Matlow is well known in the Toronto Jewish community for his involvement in The Association for the Welfare of Soldiers of Israel, and he has been back to Israel numerous times. He and his wife have a house in Jerusalem, and one of their daughters lives in Israel.

Joe Warner met Sarah, his wife of almost 40 years, when he was in Machal. She was an Israeli soldier at the time. They lived in Israel for 16 years and have returned numerous times. "I can't think of my life without thinking of Israel," he said.

CJC favors move to condemn Syria

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress has commended the federal government for its request that the United Nations' under-secretary for human rights call on the United Nations' Human Rights Commission to issue a public condemnation of Syria's ritual blood accusation against Jews.

In a letter to Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, CJC president Les Scheininger said that the Jewish community finds it particularly distressing that the UN Human Rights Commission is being misused as a forum for anti-Semitism by the Syrian government to promote blood-libel accusations against Jews.

On February 8 in Geneva, the Syrian representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, Nabila Shaalan, recommended a notorious work, *The Matzah of Zion*, which justified ritual murder charges wrongfully brought against Jews in Damascus in 1840.

CJC will monitor events at the United Nations Human Rights Commission following the protests of the European Economic Community, as well as from Australia, Czechoslovakia, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

"The statement of the Syrian representatives is all the more outrageous," emphasized Scheininger, "as Syria continues to treat its Jewish minority in a discriminatory manner, which has brought condemnation at international fora and by Canada together with other countries."

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Singles out one group for special treatment

CJC seeks ban on offensive religious advertising

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the Globe and Mail newspaper not to accept advertising that singles out a single religious group for special treatment.

The request came in a letter last week to the Toronto-based newspaper following publication of a full-page ad, headed *Will Saddam Hussein Rise From the Dead?*, placed by the evangelical group, Jews for Jesus.

The ad offers for sale a publication by Moishe Rosen entitled *Overture to Armageddon — a Jewish believer in Jesus Surveys the Prophetic Landscape* and asks those responding to identify themselves as Jewish or Gentile.

"If you're concerned about what has recently happened, is happening or may happen in the Middle East. . . If you don't believe in Y'shua (Jesus), or understand how prophecies can not only tell of him, but tell of the times we live in. . . " then clip a coupon in the ad and obtain the Rosen book, the ad stated.

Congress was especially concerned that the coupon asked respondents to distinguish themselves as either "Jewish" or "Gentile," said David Satok, chairman of Congress' community relations committee.

"This singling out of Jews is especially distasteful," Satok stated in his letter to the Globe.

"To the best of our knowledge, other major Canadian newspapers and magazines rightly have decided not to accept advertisements that centre out one faith community for special treatment," he stated. "Should not the Globe also agree with such a policy?"

According to Bernie Farber, Congress' director-

David Satok

Bernie Farber

of research, the "hidden message" in ads placed by groups such as Jews for Jesus is that Judaism is no longer a religion that need be practiced and that to be a complete Jew, one must accept Jesus.

Three years ago, the Toronto Star amended its advocacy advertising guidelines following complaints from Congress, church leaders and a Christian-Jewish dialogue group about an ad that questioned whether "Jews aren't for Jesus."

The Star's guidelines were aimed at preventing the paper from running ads that were critical of particular segments of the population, Ron Goodman, the Star's ombudsman, said at the time.

The Star's revised guidelines state, in part: "No advertising will be accepted that identifies or is clearly directed to a specific segment of our readers. . . (that) in the view of The Star is critical of their actions or beliefs or is otherwise offensive or unfair."

Cathy Wilson, the Globe's advertising sales manager, said the newspaper does not have a written policy on the appropriateness of ads. Decisions on whether to accept ads are made by a group of people relying on their experience and discretion, she said.

"Someone at a high level must have approved it," she added.

Wison estimated the full-page ad cost at least $20,000.

B.C. group denies anti-Semitism charge

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

A local chapter of the Canadian Free Speech League has denied allegations it was promoting anti-Semitism with a display of books in front of the Greater Victoria Public Library during the recent Freedom to Read Week.

Among the books displayed by two women at a table in front of the library was The Hoax of the Twentieth Century, by Arthur R. Butz, which deals with the Holocaust.

The story of the display was featured in the Victoria Star, a local weekly community newspaper. Reporter Lyonel Doherty said in the story he had received a complaint about the display from an unidentified tourist who said she was offended by it and believed the books were anti-Semetic.

Doherty said the women told him 12 books in the display had been prohibited in Canada. The Star said the local chapter of the League was listed as the same address as that of lawyer Doug Christie, who told Doherty he was spokesman for the League. Doherty said Christie told him none of the books on display had been tested in court or deemed hate propaganda by a judge. The label was introduced by Canada Customs, he said.

Christie said the aim of the League is to oppose censorship. The display was a reflection of what books the Canadian government is banning.

The Star story said a commodity specialist who reviews imported books for Canada Customs confirmed that the books in question have been prohibited. He said based on titles, it appears they refer to Jews. "It sounds like a legitimate complaint," the specialist said, referring to the tourist's concern about anti-Semitic material.

Lee Teal, chief librarian of The Greater Victoria Public Library, said Freedom to Read Week is an annual event observed all over North America to show what books are considered controversial.

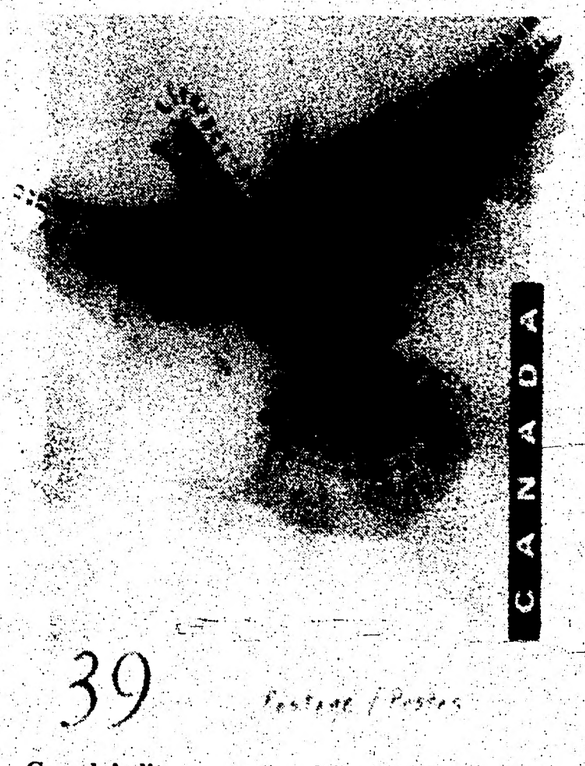
She emphasized that the display in front of the library by the League was not part of the library display. She said the library's display included The Merchant of Venice, which has been prohibited in some Ontario schools and Father Christmas, which was removed from a Roman Catholic school in Ontario because it promoted a negative image of Santa Claus. But one may find these prohibited books in many libraries, including Victoria, she added.

"It's not a big problem for us," said Teal. "We don't get many complaints."

However, two members of the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria, Michael Peters, the vice-president, and Harry Abrams, took exception to Teal's comments that the display by the League, as quoted in the Star, did not promote anti-Semitism.

"As this display was set up on city property we feel the City of Victoria has a public duty to take whatever measures are necessary to avoid the recurrence of the dissemination of the literature prohibited in our country."

They wrote to Mayor David Turner and asked for a city investigation into the matter, calling it an "ugly incident of racism" directed toward the Jewish community of Victoria.



Canada's literacy stamp fails a literacy test.

Literacy stamp falls to earth

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It's a beautiful five-color bird soaring skyward but Canada's "literacy" stamp has flunked out!

The bird is made up of some alphabets of the world but in its depiction of the Hebrew alphabet it has dropped the gimmel and dalet between the beth and hae.

The omission was spotted by eagle-eyed George Prager of Willowdale who believes it is the first time Canada has included Hebrew in one of its postage stamps.

The Hebrew letters are on the upper left wing of the bird which was designed by Debbie Adams.

Despite the omission, Prager says the stamp is "ingenious and beautiful, though its five colors are rather subtle and mute."

Zundel returns after short stint in Munich jail

TORONTO —

Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel returned to Canada last week after being held in a Munich jail for incitement against Jews, denying the Holocaust and other illegal acts.

Zundel, 51, was freed after being fined 31,500 marks (about $20,000 Cdn) and spending six days in jail. The Toronto publisher had been in Munich for an international rally of neo-Nazi activists held outside the German Museum.

A native of Germany who has never obtained Canadian citizenship, Zundel has been called one of the largest distributors of Holocaust-denial material in the world.

His publication and distribution of a Holocaust-denial booklet, *Did Six Million Really Die?*, led to charges of publishing false information likely to lead to social intolerance.

In a 1985 trial, he was convicted and sentenced to 15 months in jail. Following a successful appeal, a new trial was ordered and he was again convicted, this time receiving a nine-month jail term. He is currently free on bail pending another appeal.

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ANSWER: I have written on this topic before. However, the uncertainty of the law as to whether or not the courts favor the access or custodial parent in such situations has recently been underscored by a unanimous November, 1990 ruling of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The case is called *Carter v. Brooks*, which appears to overturn earlier case law developed in the 1970s and severely restricts the mobility rights of custodial parents.

The Court of Appeal accepted the decision of an inferior court preventing Mrs. Brooks from taking her child out of the province without the consent of the boy's father, a Mr. Carter. Even though her second husband was offered a good job in a different province the Courts did not want Mrs. Brooks to take her son to British Columbia because it was not in their six-year-old's interest to be separated from his father.

This case marks the first time in several years that the Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled over mobility rights cases and clarifies that the only principle by which a decision should be made in this area is whether or not it is in the child's best interest to move, and not the economic or social needs of the respective parents.

Even though Mr. Brooks, the second husband, was likely to lose the benefit of an improved income by moving to British Columbia, the proposed move would only be seen as economically benefitting the child while impairing his social ability to visit his father.

In my earlier article, I noted a previous decision of the Court of Appeal called *Wright v. Wright* which had been the law of Ontario up until this recent *Carter v. Brooks* decision. In the Wright case it was then established several years ago, that in the absence of special circumstances, the custodial parent has the right to remove the child from the jurisdiction without the permission of the other parent.

Once again, the only principle that now governs is the best interests of the child.

Although the court gives credence to various factors in determining what best interests means, including the economic benefit to the child in such a move, I believe that the overall affect of the *Carter v. Brooks* decision makes it much more difficult for a parent who wishes to move out of Ontario with the child, although there is still some argument that if the move is critical to a family's economic situation, the move may still be permitted.

This writer has recently exprienced great difficulty acting for "moving" parents in various mobility rights cases and feels that the trend of case law is definitely against custodial parents in this area.

Virtually in every situation where an access parent has scheduled time with his children, it is likely that the official guardian who advises the court of its opinion when interviewing the children will likely not be in favor of the move.

The rights of access parents have been particularly enhanced by Section 16 (10) of the Divorce Act which stipulates that a child should have as much contact with each parent as is consistent with his or her best interests.

There is no doubt that *Carter v. Brooks* has made moving with one's child much more difficult.

JIAS seeking changes to immigration criteria

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Jewish community leaders are circulating a petition calling on the federal government to relax immigration criteria to facilitate the rescue of Soviet Jews.

The petition, which originated in the offices of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), calls on Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall to take three steps that would allow easier migration of Jews to Canada:

- apply "special discretionary measures whereby persons falling under the 'assisted relative' category will be considered as 'family class' members."
- draft an order-in-council to create a new designated class of oppressed minorities with family or other close connections to Canada, to be sponsored directly by private groups.
- commit resources immediately to enable increased immigration processing to occur quickly.

The purpose of the petition is to express to the minister the high level of interest and concern in the Jewish community for the reunification of Soviet Jewish families, said Susan Davis, national executive director of JIAS.

"We want the minister to use special discretion to get people together," Davis said. "We want her to remember us and work with us."

Davis said the deteriorating and increasingly uncertain political situation in the Soviet Union is placing Jews there at risk. Their families already in Canada have repeatedly expressed concern to JIAS representatives over their relatives' situation in the Soviet Union, she added.

Davis said that since late August, regulations have been in place opening immigration from Eastern Europe to independent immigrants. JIAS has argued that it is unfair to allow these people into Canada while ignoring those who already have relatives in Canada.

The immigration aid agency has asked that those relatives such as brothers, sisters, grandparents, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews — who are considered part of the "assisted relatives" category and not 'family class" members — be permitted to rejoin their relatives if they can satisfy the less stringent requirements applicable for family class immigrants.

Criteria for family class members include demonstrating that they have close Canadian relatives who have the income to financially assist them. Assisted relatives are considered part of the "independent" category and must not only have relatives in Canada, but also satisfy criteria including financial backing, language skills and gainful occupations, among others, Davis said.

Davis said the creation of a special "humanitarian class," which could include unprotected minorities in precarious positions, would also assist in the rescue of Soviet Jews.

A series of meetings has been held with McDougall (and will likely be held in the future) in which the minister was urged to use her discretion to facilitate family reunifications and to boost the allocation of resources in the Soviet Union to allow for increased processing of applications, Davis said.

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AJCS backs loans for Soviets

MONTREAL —

The officers of the Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services have given their approval in principle to the loan guarantee program for Soviet immigrants in Israel.

Julia Koschitzky, president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada who attended the Montreal meeting March 21, expressed her appreciation to the AJCS. She noted that with the Toronto Jewish Congress, which has also endorsed it, Canada's two major Jewish federations had acted in support of the program.

In its overall concept, the program is based on the continuation of the Operation Exodus campaign to assist the mass aliya and absorption of Soviet Jews.

Dr. Maxine Sigman, president of AJCS, pointed out that while the Montreal Jewish community is facing serious challenges concerning its future and communal needs, "We recognize the historic opportunity which Soviet aliya presents and have agreed to support the loan guarantee program.

"We felt that beyond our own critical local communal concerns, the Montreal community must extend itself at this crucial time in the history of Soviet Jewry and Israel."

The loan guarantee program is the initiative of Charles Goodman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations of North America. It is expected to be ratified at a special Assembly of the CJF in New York on April 16.

The program is based on the realization that the needs of Soviet aliya and absorption cannot be met through fund-raising efforts only. Therefore, a portion of the absorption costs will be given to the immigrant in the form of a loan rather than a grant which he has received so far. These immigrant loans will be made by commercial banks in Israel, to be repaid over an extended period of time on easy terms.

The commercial loans will be guaranteed to the banks by the Council of Jewish Federations, which, in turn, will be indemnified by all Jewish federations on the basis of a fair-share formula.

Reserve fund

In broad terms, the costs to the Jewish Agency for the absorption of one million Soviet Jews in Israel within three to four years is $2.4 billion (U.S.). It relates only to Jewish Agency operations, as distinct from Israeli government operations.

A sum of $200 million is being added to this cost, as a reserve fund for loan defaults. It brings up the total to $2.6 billion.

Of this sum, $1.05 billion has already been provided, basically through the remarkable success of Operation Exodus campaigns among Jewish communities throughout the world.

A sum of $650 million is projected as income from the continuation of the Exodus campaign over the next few years. That leaves the sum of $900 million, which constitutes the loan program, to be guaranteed by the CJF.

At the present time, immigrants receive payments in the form of grants to help them with a basket of absorption needs after their arrival in Israel. The Jewish Agency, financed by contributions from the campaigns, pays for a share of $1,000 per person in the overall absorption basket.

In view of the number of arrivals, which has exceeded all previous projections and now stands at one million by 1994, this level of support cannot be maintained by the Jewish Agency any longer.

The grant will be converted to a loan. A typical loan to a family of four would be $4,000. No payback will be required for the first three years and the interest will be accrued. Payback will then begin, on a gradual scale designed to make it as easy as possible for the immigrant, and to be completed 10 years after the loan-start.

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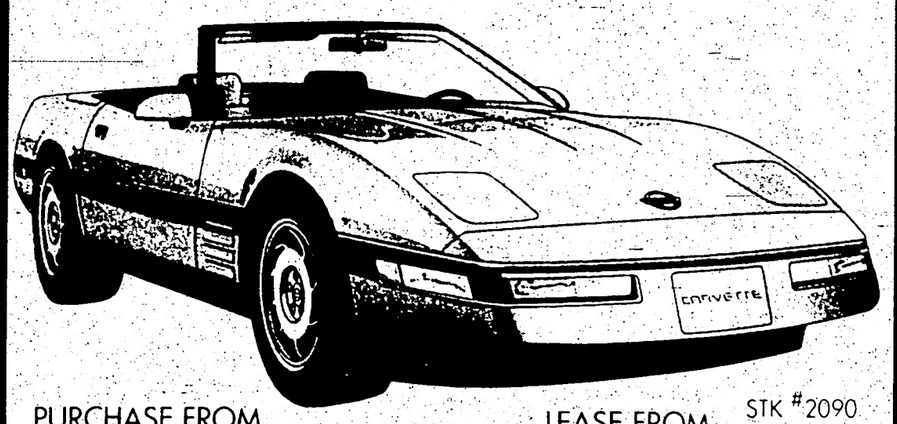

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Soviet Jewry

UJA launches new campaign to assist Soviet olim

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal, the central fund-raising body in the American Jewish community, has decided to launch a $450 million fund-raising appeal to assist the estimated 1 million Soviet Jews who will have immigrated to Israel by the end of 1993.

The campaign, approved March 7 by the UJA board of trustees and 60 national vice-chairpersons responsible for campaign operations, will start this fall and will end Dec. 31, 1992, according to Marvin Lender, UJA's national chairman.

"It is essentially a campaign responding to the requirements and needs of the Jewish Agency for the Soviet resettlement through 1993," Lender said in an interview.

UJA campaign money raised for Soviet Jewry is passed on to the Jewish Agency in Israel, which has been covering the total cost of transporting Soviet immigrants and their luggage to Israel, as well as a portion of their initial resettlement costs.

Diaspora Jewry outside the United States will be asked by Keren Hayesod to raise an additional $200 million to help cover resettlement costs, he said.

The new campaign comes on the heels of UJA's 1990 Operation Exodus campaign, which raised over $420 million for Soviet Jewish resettlement. As that campaign was started, the numbers of Soviet Jews trying to leave for Israel increased dramatically over original estimates.

Last year, about 181,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel. About 300,000 are still expected to arrive this year, despite a lull in immigration during the Persian Gulf War.

Lender said the new campaign, as yet unnamed, will be complemented by a loan program to make up the expected $1.35 billion shortfall the Jewish Agency will face in assisting Soviet Jewish resettlement over the next few years.

"We don't feel we can raise $1.3 billion, and we are raising what we think is the capacity of the Jewish community in a campaign. And the balance of the shortfall will be generated by a loan program," he explained.

Under the loan program, local Jewish federations will guarantee bank loans totaling $900 million, which includes a reserve of $200 million to cover potential defaults.

Since March 1, arriving Soviet immigrants have been receiving part of their cash subsidy in loans, which later will be assumed by federations once the loan program is officially approved. The loans are being granted by Israeli banks, Lender said.

Lender said UJA's final fund-raising figure was established "hand-in-hand" through consultations that included leaders of the Council of Jewish Federations, which represents 179 federations in the United States.

"We've been working with CJF, and CJF endorses our campaign, and we endorse their loan program," he said.

Federation leaders will meet in Washington on April 16 to vote on the loan program. CJF is planning a satellite hookup conference next week to discuss the program with federations across the country.

Investment said needed to create jobs, housing

NEW YORK (JTA) — In order to create the housing and jobs needed for the estimated million Soviet immigrants who are expected to settle in Israel by 1995, world Jewry must invest $1.5 billion in Israeli businesses each year over and above what is raised through philanthropy, an Israeli economist said at a conference here.

Between 1990 and 1994, creation of housing for the new immigrants and young Israeli adults will cost $17.5 billion, and the creation of new jobs will cost $42 billion, according to Dr. Haim Ben-Shahar, a professor of economics at Tel Aviv University.

In order to raise the capital necessary to ensure the successful absorption of the Soviet olim, "the Jewish people must come forward and place at the disposal of the Israeli economy, through loans and equity, an additional sum of at least $1.5 billion per annum," he said.

The balance of the capital can be obtained "only with the U.S. government," he said. While an increase in the current $1.2 billion U.S. economic assistance program for Israel is unlikely, commercial loans can be obtained with U.S. government guarantees.

Israel needs up to $3 billion in these guaranteed loans each year, according to Ben-Shahar, who said they would be repaid with future returns from the new businesses.

Ben-Shahar shared this information with 100 leading American and Israeli economic, business and government leaders who gathered here March 10 and 11 for a conference organized by the North American Jewish Forum and the Centre for Foreign Policy Options. The North American Jewish Forum, a project of the United Jewish Appeal and the Charles Bronfman Foundation, brings together Israeli and Diaspora leaders to exchange ideas and expertise on a range of topics.

Of the $60 billion total that will be required to create the necessary housing and jobs, about one-quarter can be provided by the Israeli government "if a proper economic policy is implemented," Ben-Shahar said.

The rest, $45 billion in capital investment, must be imported.

Some $25 billion of that will be available through private, institutional and government channels, mostly from the U.S. government and the United Jewish Appeal.

The remaining $20 billion must be raised from other sources, which, according to Ben-Shahar, will be a very difficult task.

"The massive mobilization of resources can only be achieved with the participation of worldwide Jewry at a level hitherto unknown," agreed Richard Rosenbloom, an economist at the Harvard University school of business.

"Money must be mobilized as business investments, not philanthropy," he said, "not to provide a dole for the needy but to provide employment for 500,000 people."

Deli planned for Moscow

NEW YORK — A New York-style kosher deli in Moscow?

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Lebenwohl flew to the Soviet capital recently to explore the possibility of opening a kosher restaurant serving traditional deli goodies.

But because of the meat shortage in the Soviet Union, Lebenwohl said he would have to concentrate on other deli fare.

"I'd have to make chicken in maybe 10 styles, chopped liver, borscht, gefilte fish, perogies," Lebenwohl said before leaving.

Lebenwhol said his food would be prepared under the supervision of Moscow's rabbinate.

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Front Line

Post-war trouble brewing

Time is pressing: Israel can not afford to wait and see

COMMENTARY

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

There is more post-war trouble in the Gulf battle zone than the Americans bargained for and there is no movement on the Arab-Israeli peace-front. The U.S. alone can hardly provide all the wonder-drugs needed by its many patients. Israel must also help itself. This will insure United States cooperation and heighten mutual trust.

Here are just a few items on the American plate. Iraq is to be deprived of its offensive capacities, Saddam must eventually go, but Iraq, as a country, should not disintegrate, since that would only benefit fundamentalist Iran. Assad of Syria, the odd "ally" of the war against Saddam, can not be allowed to take his place as the next trouble-maker in the region. Ravaged Lebanon should not remain a Syrian satellite, Jordan's political and economical decline must be halted, despite its unforgivable behavior in the war; it will have to play a role in the Arab-Israeli peace process. Even the neglected issue of the Kurds must be addressed.

Forbidding as this wish-list may look, it will not detract international attention from the Arab-Israeli issue. Yet, even disregarding external impulses which often reflect particular interests, the territories remain a festering wound which cannot be cured by band-aids.

The renewed flare-up of savage terrorism, with knives succeeding stones, and against which morally inhibited Israel has no military solution, requires new thinking. No compatible repression, of which many versions have already been tried, is likely to placate nationalist frustration in the territories or ease their economic conditions, much worsened by the Gulf War. Many Arab workers, who can not feed their families in the territories unless they resume employment in Israel, are either prevented — for security reasons — from entering the "green line," or met by ever increasing suspicion by Israelis.

Yeshayahu Anug

Peace, as a goal, means different things to different people. Even those Arab countries which may have abandoned the hope of seeing Israel vanish, demand total Israeli withdrawal from all the territories occupied in the Six Day War and a number of other conditions, which make many Israelis shudder.

Some Israelis totally exclude the possibility of any withdrawal and still believe in a "take it or leave it" peace on the borders acquired in 1967. For other Israelis, peace will result from the relaxation of tension through different policies in the territories leading to a step-by-step settlement which will also include territorial concessions. Although opinions do not exactly fit party lines, the coalition holds the first view, while the opposition, though divided, basically agrees with the second. Each school is supported by nearly half of Israel's adult population.

The "autonomy plan," too, which is still floating in the air, is an undefined concept, but could perhaps take off again after it crash-landed nearly a decade ago. But for that it must be made more convincing as an intermediary step and not as the final aim. The present "sit it out" policy leads nowhere and is hurting the country internally and internationally.

The Likud-led government has so far shown little stamina in working out a reasonable political scheme to cope with the deteriorating situation after the Gulf War, in which it gained world-wide respect for its judicious behavior. Within the Heruth party, opposing views and sharp power-struggles produce stagnation and confusion. Recently, one minister, who prematurely speculated about flexibility in possible negotiations with Syria, was rebuked by colleagues. The outgoing chief of staff, who expressed the view that a political settlement would give far more (security) than territory would, was vilified by "ultras."

Meanwhile, the government deemed it right to allocate more taxpayers money for ultra-religious parties to pay the ever-increasing price of their conditional loyalty. The public was shocked by such financial priorities, at a time when mass arrivals from the Soviet Union continue to land in an economically and logistically insufficiently prepared country.

As world-wide Jewish financial contribution fails to meet optimistic expectations, Israel will need all the international goodwill and support it can get. In this respect alone, an advancing peace process could make all the difference between tragic failure and successful absorbtion.

Some Likud strategists, unable to produce innovation, may choose respite by advancing the general elections, otherwise due only in 1992. Given the rather poor peformances of the Labor Party, these may indeed result in a yet stronger Likud showing. But that will only mean even greater responsibility to confront reality. So it could well be that this party, so proud of its credentials as the self-proclaimed "national camp," will be the one which will have to explain to its supporters that progress by flexibility is not the end, but just a new beginning. Could Shamir start doing this now and not wait for outside pressure? He holds all the cards he needs and can count on extra-party support in the Knesset, just as Begin did, when he needed it for his peace agreement with Egypt.

OPINION

Soviet unrest creates need for new nuclear arms controls

By
STANFIELD TURNER

START is stopped.

That is not all bad, because the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty has been overtaken.

We need a new approach to nuclear arms control that takes account of the growing prospect of prolonged civil strife in the Soviet Union, where more than 25,000 nuclear warheads could be captured or stolen.

The best alternative to another round of prolonged negotiations about which weapons each side might give up would be for U.S. President George Bush to announce a unilateral reduction of America's 25,000 long- and short-range nuclear warheads down to, say, 10,000.

This would place immense pressure on Mikhail Gorbachev to follow suit, for political and economic reasons.

Would he do so at this time?

Gorbachev is apparently increasingly beholden to his military.

Yet, a few months ago, when I discussed this idea with a senior Soviet military officer in Moscow, he saw no obstacle to either president initiating unilateral reductions.

This single, informal response certainly does not give assurance as to how the Soviet government would react, but it does indicate that the door would not be shut automatically.

And, in contrast to most Soviet concessions on armaments in recent years, this program would not involve greater reductions on the Soviet side than on ours: The marshals and admirals need not feel humiliated.

What if Gorbachev did not follow our lead?

I told my Soviet contact I would not worry: "I do not believe that you, sir, could advise your president that it would be safe to attack the United States even if you had 25,000 warheads and we had only 10,000."

His response was instant agreement: "Da."

The beauty of moving unilaterally is that we could induce early and substantial reductions of the Soviet arsenal without waiting to iron out details that have come painfully slowly in the past.

If we went much below 10,000 we would need to work out the details of verification, but there would be plenty of time to do that.

Skeptics on our side would fear nuclear "inferiority."

They might say by throwing away 15,000 warheads the United States could no longer target the entire Soviet arsenal.

But how realistic has it ever been to think of launching anything like 25,000 warheads?

The world would be at risk.

At 10,000 warheads of our own choice, we could not only deter a major nuclear attack, we would still be prepared for small or accidental nuclear attacks — regardless of how many warheads the Soviets retained.

Finally, the skeptics might doubt that Bush would want to take the political risks associated with such a unilateral move.

But having just clearly demonstrated his willingness to use appropriate force when needed, Bush is in an ideal position to make an imaginative move for peace and security.

(Stansfield Turner is the former director of Central Intelligence)

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Mideast states clamoring for arms

U.S. must come up with plan to control weapons sales

ANALYSIS

By
FLORA LEWIS

Momentum for a new arms race in the Middle East is already building.

As Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations points out, everybody was so awed by America's high-tech weapons in the Gulf War that every country in the Middle East is clamoring for something similar.

The Soviet Union is concerned about U.S. plans to deliver important new weapons to its allies — the Arab nations as well as Israel — and doubtless Mikhail Gorbachev brought it up with Secretary of State James Baker in their Moscow meeting.

Vorontsov says Moscow favors a club of arms suppliers to prevent the kind of unrestrained buildup that made Iraq such a menace.

Saddam Hussein's Iraq was a Frankenstein monster, created by oil revenues, competition for the lucrative weapons market and political rivalry.

It could happen again, if not in Iraq then in some neighboring, unstable regimes.

Nobody can guarantee that today's friend won't become tomorrow's enemy.

There is a common interest — between East and West, Arabs and Israelis and among regional players — to head off a new capacity for aggression and vast new arms expenditures that undermine the development of civil societies.

The international coalition against Iraq is likely to remain intact until there is assurance that Iraq's stocks of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons materials have been destroyed.

Soviet officials say Iraq has a lot more Scuds than it used, maybe hundreds more, and these also must be found and destroyed.

But the longer term goal of security can be compromised by renewing the regional arms race.

The tangle of national and economic interests is creating intense pressures to override the common interest.

Vorontsov claims Moscow is determined not to revive old habits.

He says it has refused Syria's plea for better and more weapons and parity with Israel, though it continues to provide parts to resupply existing Syrian forces.

He says he is confident his government will resist the desires of its own military-industrial complex for larger sales.

But Middle East arms control is going to be a lot harder than arms control in Europe.

Israel argues, effectively, that its survival depends on keeping well ahead of its enemies.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iran can show that the Gulf War proved their need for truly modern defences.

The United States says it wants to maintain "balance," but it always seeks it at a higher level.

It isn't politically possible, and would certainly be undesirable, to establish big American bases in the gulf as the Pentagon once hoped.

But the U.S. military can point to the difficulty and danger of relying on shipping equipment after a crisis starts.

The compromise tempting Washington is "prepositioning," which means to sell the Saudis and gulf emirates more arms than they can manage themselves to serve as stockpiles if American forces should have to return.

The Russians say this is "old thinking," a reflex rather than a search for security based on an international agreement among leading arms suppliers.

The United States as yet has no initiative to propose.

The Soviets are thinking of an approach that would distinguish between defensive and offensive arms, worked out initially among the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Other suppliers, such as Germany, Argentina, Brazil and perhaps Switzerland and Sweden, would have to be brought in.

But the Soviets argue that would be much easier if the Big Five set an example.

The simplicity of the idea should not mask the difficulty of the task.

But it is urgent and specific and would be lost if utopian notions of disarmament were allowed to block concrete proposals.

Moscow seems to be willing.

Washington must avoid hasty commitments to allies and come up with a plan.

(Flora Lewis is senior columnist of The New York Times.)

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A time to remember

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 3:4.

Today is Yom Hashoah, the time to weep for the six million of our people who perished in Europe half a century ago. In synagogues and in memorial centres here and in Israel, we gather to say Kaddish for those whose yahrzeits are unknown and whose graves are unmarked. Yet even as we mourn, we see the announcements for the day a week from now when we will dance in celebration of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

There is another day of mourning before we can dance. Immediately preceding Yom Ha'atzmaut, there is Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembrance for those fallen in defence of the Jewish state.

Israel was born from the ashes of European Jewry, but those who attribute its birth solely to the politics of guilt ignore the greatest lesson of the Holocaust: *Am Yisrael Chai* — the people of Israel live — and cannot be destroyed.

It is a lesson we have taught the world over and over again. In spite of the Babylonian exile and the Roman conquest; in spite of the Spanish Inquisition and the Shoah, our faith and our people have endured. The State of Israel is the embodiment of that endurance. But it owes its continued existence to its daughters and sons who have served in its armed forces and died in its wars. Because of them, for the past 43 years threatened Diaspora communities like those of Iraq, Yemen, Ethiopia, and now the Soviet Union, have had a refuge that is theirs by right. If any of us living in more tolerant societies need a reminder of just where our security ultimately lies, let us ask: what other country would accept the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews arriving in Israel?

On Yom Hashoah we mourn for those who died because they were Jews. On Yom Hazikaron we mourn for those who died so that there could be a time to dance — because we *are* Jews.

Real democracy essential

At a recent meeting of the Union of Arab Lawyers held in Cairo, delegates from Arab countries endorsed the idea that for "all the woes and disasters that have befallen the Arab world," what was needed was "a democracy that enables the Arab individual to express himself freely and participate in decision-making in the political, social and economic spheres."

In a Jerusalem Post article (March 9), N.B. Argaman observed that the reference here is to authentic democracy and not the ersatz version that is found in the so-called "democratic republics" where semantics mask varying degrees of totalitarian rule. As for countries like Iraq, Yemen and some of the Gulf emirates, democracy in the western sense of the word is considered to be a protracted moral plague which must be contained and neutralized.

The lack of true democracy in the Arab world, Argaman noted, should not be attributed to abstract theories about the "Arab character" or the "Arab mentality" or the alleged fanaticism of Islam. The basic reason for the absence of democracy in Arab lands, aside from the continuing trauma of the Arab-Israeli conflict, is the pervasive influence of change and modernization in the Arab world.

There is now a widespread view in the Arab world that existing regimes are unable to accommodate the demand for change that is pulsating in the street. If a way could be found to channel and institutionalize that demand through popular participation in the electoral process, the Arab countries would be on the way to democracy.

The desire for democracy is percolating through diverse segments of Arab societies but it is being fiercely resisted by entrenched monarchies (Saudi Arabia), one-man dictatorships (Syria, Iraq) and authoritarian tribunals (Algeria). The resistance is motivated by fear that competing ideologies will displace the regimes in power — which is probably correct.

Even in the unlikely circumstance that true democracy arrives in parts of the Arab world, not all problems would be miraculously solved. Yet the prospect of the democratization of the Arab countries is a salutary one for the future of the Middle East. An Arab world freed from the grip of military thugs, religious fanatics and totalitarian rulers could bring a semblance of reasoned discourse into societies characterized all to often by bitter instability and discord. The change in the political climate could only help in resolving the Arab-Israel imbroglio.

The export of oil has made some Arab nations rich beyond dreams. Is it not time for those nations to import the one commodity that would change the face of the Levant — true democracy.

TO THE EDITOR:

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SIN AND INTERMARRIAGE

I didn't realize until I read Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum's letter (CJN, March 21), that when my non-Jewish neighbor invited me to share a drink of his homemade wine, to honor my son's Bar Mitzvah, that I had sinned.

I also wasn't aware that because of my friendship with the nearby non-Jewish gas station attendant, I was increasing the chances of my children intermarrying.

I shall be forever grateful to Rabbi Grossbaum for having brought these significant aveiras to my attention.

Harold Grossman
Toronto, Ontario

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PLAN FOR SOVIET JEWS-I

Yuli Kosharovsky's attack on the plan of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews to reunify divided Jewish families (in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency March 7) is a deliberate misrepresentation.

The plan is patently restricted to only those Soviet Jews who have already applied for reunification with close family members in the United States. The issue is not whether they are coming to the United States; it is when they are coming. This was clarified to Mr. Kosharovsky in a one-hour conversation, prior to his interview, with Dr. Leonid Stonov, former Refusenik spokesman and chairman of the Moscow-based Soviet-American Bureau on Human Rights.

For the husbands, wives, children, parents and siblings stranded in the increasing turbulence of Soviet society and victimized by anti-Semitic hostility nourished by the publication of *Mein Kampf* and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, this initiative is far from "counterproductive" and "short-sighted."

UCSJ's initiative advocates overcoming U.S. bureaucratic delays to facilitate immediate evacuation. No one, either in Israel or in the United States, expects Joseph Roginsky of Leningrad to go to Israel, with both his mother and son in the United States.

Contrary to Mr. Kosharovsky's contention that it is "unlikely for the plan to be accepted by U.S. officials," we have encountered very strong support and deep concern for these Americans whose families are left waiting in a volatile and dangerous country.

Furthermore, in the interest of truth in labelling, Yuli Kosharovsky, cited in the article as "an ex-Refusenik . . . often jailed and harassed during the 18 years he waited to emigrate," is now a full-time employee of the Jewish Agency for Israel and represents the views of the Sochnut as well as his own. Enclosed is an advisory sent out by JTA which you should have received.

Kosharovsky's comparison of UCSJ to Saddam Hussein is ludicrous and simply reflects the siege mentality under which Israelis have tragically been forced to operate. For more than two decades, UCSJ has dedicated itself to, and tirelessly worked for, the rescue of Soviet Jews.

While ominous signs abound that Soviet borders may be closing, Israeli leaders and Soviet Jewish leaders in Israel should join UCSJ in representing the plan responsibly so that Soviet Jews fleeing anti-Semitism and a deteriorating Soviet society may do so in the quickest possible manner.

Pamela B. Cohen, National President
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CANTOR IN JAZZ SINGER

Re Ostrovtzer Shul Played Host To Famous Chazzanim by Dr. Fred Weinberg (CJN, Mar. 28).

In one paragraph Dr. Weinberg states: "Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt came to Toronto to the Ostrovtzer Shul to lead the services during the Depression years of the late '20s." In another paragraph he reports: "My father would not invite to the Synagogue any of the cantors who were involved in film or theatre."

I would like to point out to Dr. Weinberg that Cantor Rosenblatt appeared in the first talking motion picture called *The Jazz Singer*, starring the late Al Jolson, in 1927. Either his father was ignorant of this fact which I would find hard to believe, or he ignored his policy when presented with an opportunity to hear this dynamic celebrity.

Dr. Lawrence Gaum
Toronto

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Judy Snowbell remained in Israel during the Scud attacks.

STAYED IN ISRAEL

Recently the CJN published an article which praised Canadian students who have resumed their studies in Israel after returning to Canada during the Gulf War. Good for them! However, if they deserve praise, how much more so do the Canadian students who actually REMAINED in Israel during the war.

One of those students is my wonderful sister, Judy Snowbell, who is studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Instead of returning home, she shared the gas mask and bomb shelter experience with Israelis and through those tense weeks volunteered at the Hadassah hospital at Mount Scopus.

I am very proud of Judy and of my parents who certainly wanted Judy to return home, but supported her in her decision to remain in Israel.

Miriam Snowbell-Buckler
Toronto

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PLAN FOR SOVIET JEWS — II

A group of former Soviet Jewish Refusenik activists was appalled by the malicious attack by Yuli Kosharovsky on the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphi Agency published in The Canadian Jewish News on March 7.

Yuli Kosharovsky, a former Refusenik activist currently employed by the Jewish Agency for Israel, was a beneficiary of the campaigns of support conducted by the UCSJ for prisoners of Zion and refuseniks.

The effectiveness of UCSJ is gratefully acknowledged by dozens of thousands of Soviet Jews and continually acclaimed by U.S. congressmen and administration officials as one of the most effective human rights groups.

A declaration by a group of former Refusenik activists published in Russian language papers in the United States clearly states the intent of the plan to be a one-time emergency action to evacuate close members of those separated Jewish families who have already applied to come to the United States. These people are going to the United States because they have husbands, wives, parents, children and siblings there. They have already applied and are now waiting in an unstable, threatening, and anti-Semitic environment where anti-Jewish pogroms can explode at any moment.

No one in the United States raised the issue of increasing refugee slots for Soviet Jews. The essence of our declaration involves the rescue of those who will surely come to the United States. These families are really separated and Yuli Kosharovsky should know that. Not only international treaties but Jewish tradition dictate that we must help these families.

But Yuli Kosharovsky ignores this. He distorts the letter and spirit of the UCSJ proposal and characterizes it as a sinister plot that will accomplish what Iraqi Scud missiles were unable to do: halt the immigration to Israel. He claims that UCSJ is "somehow acting in the same direction as Saddam Hussein."

The equating of an organization that has been committed to the rescue of Jews and has an impeccable track record in so doing, is a deliberate distortion and boggles the mind.

The UCSJ acvocates a one-time waiver of the United States refugee quota becaue of the moral danger facing Jews in the Soviet Union. It is aimed at saving 100,000 Jews exercising their legitimate right of reunification with close family members. The suggestion that the proposal will open "new avenues for Soviet Jews planning to go to Israel" is ludicrous and vicious.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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WASSERMAN — STROM

People who lived by water identified with it by their surnames. We observe this phenomenon in English surnames like Waters, Lake, Rivers, Brooks, Pond and Atwell.

Wasserman is a man who probably lived by a body of water, although where water was scarce he may have dealt with it as a commodity.

Strom — river (Potok in Polish)
Bach — brook (Strumyk in Polish)
Teich — pond (Staw in Polish)
Bai — bay (Zalew in Polish)

In this connection it might be relevant to note that the Polish word for fish is Ryba and this, in turn, spawned the well-known surname Ribicoff (fisherman), a name borne with distinction by a Jewish senator from Connecticut, now retired.

Opinion

From Pesach joys we descend to Holocaust tears

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Rarely does the spirit of a people rise to the limits of ecstatic heights and then sink to the depths of lamentation within a single week as is experienced by world Jewry in this generation.

On Pesach we celebrate the Exodus from Egypt; actually the birth of the Jewish nation. But after we barely manage to take leave of Pesach we become mourners of six million European Jews — closest of our kin — a third of our people, who were massacred by the Nazi beasts.

While all Jews remember that tragic era of ours, some Jews, because of specific circumstances, remember it more painfully. My own experience, though physically separated from Eastern European Jewry during those tragic years, may illustrate the point.

Only a brief few weeks before the outbreak of the Second World War, I was in Europe. I had been in Russia, where I met a number of key leaders of Soviet Jewry and discussed the problems and challenges that faced the large Jewish community there.

From the Soviet Union I travelled to Poland, the land of my birth, where a substantial number of my relatives; my maternal grandmother, as well as my paternal grandfather and many uncles, aunts and cousins still lived.

J.B. Salsberg

Because I had been an alderman in Toronto every young Jew in the two shtetlech (small towns) of my parents' birthplace, pleadingly insisted that I take them with me to Canada.

No explanation and no pleas were accepted by them. A few of the younger fellows of Rakov climbed into the wagon that had been hired to take me back to Lagov and refused to leave it. I must take them with me to Canada, they insisted.

It was a heart-breaking experience for me.

Visualize this tragic experience of mine. The wagon that was to take me moved forward slowly in Rakov. My parental family and most of the Jewish townfolk followed behind me. But a couple of younger fellows had boarded the wagon and refused to leave; I must take them with me, they insisted.

We had reached the end of the town. The wagon halted for me but the boys refused to leave the wagon. Finally a few strong young men climbed on the wagon and literally threw them from the wagon.

The tragic scene broke my spirit completely. I began to cry at the pitiful sight of what took place. I was literally hoisted into the waiting wagon and we began to move forward. It was one of the most painful moments of my life.

What happened to all whom I left behind? All but two of my paternal family in Rakov perished, together with the rest of that long-existing, hard working, pious Jewish community at the bloody hands of the Nazis.

The two that survived, as we learned later, were a young man, distant relative, and the young daughter of my father's youngest brother, Velvel (Zev). Two out of an entire community . . .

At war's end the survivors of East European Jewry were gathered in the Jewish survivors camps in Germany and adjoining countries. The American (and Canadian) Hebrew Immigrant Associations, issued lists of the survivors that were carried daily in the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press and everybody — literally everybody — scanned these lists with fear and hope.

One day, not long after the end of the war, I visited my parents on Cecil Street in Toronto. As I approached our house I saw my father running and waving the Toronto daily Hebrew Journal to me. With an excitement I had never seen he shouted, "My brother Velvel's daughter survived and she is trying to reach us!"

We both read the survivors, list of that day. There it was: His youngest brother's daughter survived. She is in a survivors camp in Germany; is looking for an uncle, Abraham Salsberg in Toronto, she didn't have his address. We decided to send a telegram to her and, since I was about to engage in a tour of the survivors' camps, I will call on her and arrange for her coming to us.

Well, about two weeks later we met in Germany; the only survivor of my father's once large family!

We finally got the Canadian government to issue a permit for her to join us in Canada.

I keep a photograph of my cousin and her husband (also a survivor) on the chest of drawers that face me in my bedroom.

She is my daily reminder of the Holocaust; the greatest tragedy that befell our people since the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.

"Never forget and never forgive" was the slogan that our survivors issued.

Let's never forget and let us never allow that the Holocaust be forgotten in our homes and in our communities.

E. Germany condemned both anti-Semitism and Israel

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Now that the former German Democratic Republic has become part of one Germany, and with the capital soon to be moved to Berlin, it is instructive to take a look at the strange and, in fact, contradictory attitude which East Germany's official policy pursued. A study of this intriguing subject was recently made by Dr. Harald Patzolt, a social scientist who was interviewed by a Berlin newspaper.

Patzolt was in charge of a survey by social scientists who studied the subject, We Germans, Israel and the Jews. In the process, the researchers examined the standard works on history used in the country, the files of the former East Berlin Communist party, documents on party conferences, and schoolbooks. They wanted to know how Jews, Israel, Zionism and anti-Semitism were treated in these sources, and to examine the level of prejudice, if any, created by them.

Concerning Jews: They were treated as a historical entity and described as victims of Nazism but not as victims of the German people as a whole. "This victim-mythos was embedded in an anti-fascist mythos. Jews were rarely revealed as persons, and one learned almost nothing about their contribution to world history, their culture, their religion and their exceptional ethnic qualities."

Rabbi Plaut

On Israel: This was the strangest treatment of all. The Jewish connection with Israel was almost never mentioned. Israel was the official bad boy in the Middle East, but whom the state represented, who its citizens were and what their origin might have been was withheld from the readers.

In other words, the proverbial enmity of the German Democratic Republic of unlamented memory was directed against a mythic Israel in accordance with then-prevailing Soviet directives. Since the reader of these texts was given no intimation that Israel — portrayed as the incarnation of evil and the reason for every Near East problem — is peopled by Jews, anti-Semitism was not an issue.

The East Germans, in other words, had a party line which condemned anti-Semitism as a Nazi disease and vehemently attacked Israel because — to them — it had theoretically nothing to do with Jews and was therefore a legitimate subject for contempt.

Israel was regarded as "martial, unpredictable, and inconsiderate . . . The Israeli countryside was portrayed as beautiful, attractive and distant, worth visiting." Jews, on the other hand, were accepted in the country as a whole (there were only 800 of them in all of East Germany, and most of them were old), but they were cardboard images rather than human beings.

Also, their leaders were asked from time to time to make anti-Israel statements so that the dichotomy between Israel and Jews could be safely maintained.

Patzolt concludes that the level of anti-Semitism in East Germany was very low, or even non-existent. Jews were simply unknown as human beings, and Israel — a proverbial antagonist — had no relationship with Jews as far as public consciousness was concerned.

But what about the new reality, since now the former East Germans are exposed to an entirely different set of historical realities? Says Patzolt: "We have to revise our history books and our attitudes," and in fact, he believes that this revision will form an essential part of East German re-education.

"It is not a matter of giving Israel and the Jews a positive image or, with a bad conscience because of this neglect, to stage pro-Israel demonstrations. It is a matter, however, of reversing through clarification the alienation deliberately produced by politics against other peoples, which included the Jews."

In fact, the city of Leipzig, (in pre-Nazi days a city with some 12,000 Jews, two-thirds of whom died in the gas chambers), all of 36 people are left today. But the city of Leipzig has decided to honor a former rabbi of the city, Ephraim Carlebach, who presided over the Etz Chaim Synagogue. (The rabbi emigrated to what was then Palestine in 1935 and died shortly thereafter.) The city of Leipzig now wants to produce a biography of the rabbi and bring his life's work to the attention of the citizens.

And here we thought that the major problem of integrating East Germany with its western neighbor was a matter primarily of politics and economics!

"Food, food everywhere and not a bite to eat"

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Passover's highlights, the seder dinners, have come and gone. The work that went into preparing the house for the holiday, cooking big meals and planning our celebration has left me too pooped to ponder additional culinary creativity. I am not alone in this mood of "let'em eat anything but cake."

This is no week to ask a Jewish woman to cook. Ingredients are limited, the big surge is over, the meal was a success and now I want to nibble leftovers and forget about it until it's time to prepare the end-of-yontif meals and put the kitchen back to normal. This is fine for the grownups, but the kids won't have it.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

As Pesach week enters the homestretch, one cry echos throughout the land, from household to household: "Mommy, there's nothing to eat."

Needless to say, the response, "Have some matzah with charoset," is not satisfactory.

The week has already undergone a fast transition from "I want to help make charoset" to "The charoset is great. Gimme more, please" to "Oh, OK, more charoset" to "Yuk, I don't like this stuff any more. I'm giving mine to the baby."

Actually, the baby is no help.

He won't eat charoset. He'll paint with it, paste his hair to his head with it, coat his highchair with it and drop wads of it to the dog (who loves Passover because she gets straight meal all week, but who does not eat fruits and nuts, ever, in any guise).

The baby eats rawhide puppy treats, wooden spoons, shoes, socks, toes and crayons, but he won't even give charoset a chance, at least not as a food. He's perfectly willing to regard it as a toy, but that's another matter.

Before I figured this out, I gave him a little charoset in a plastic soup bowl, sort of a snack to hold until the matzo ball soup (another Passover staple the kids won't want again until Shavous) reheated. He carried the bowl all over the house and eventually dropped the whole thing into the kitchen trash can. I retrieved the bowl but only because I've become conditioned to frequently checking the top layer of the trash can's contents. Now that he can pry the lid off, nothing is safe.

Carrying things around is his newest game. He loves to tote. He's a 14-month-old moving company. If he had a truck, we could go into business. He gathers items from all over the house, schlepps them around, and then trashes them. The bigger and more unwieldy the item, the happier he is.

One of our favorite rebbitzins told us years ago that her oldest son (now a dignified professional) used to carry an iron around the house when he was little. I couldn't visualize that at all at the time, now it's logical to me because our baby's favorite portables are the broom, which is four times his height, and the bathroom scale.

I wish he'd put the broom down, before he breaks something. It is clear to me (if not to him) that it will not fit in the kitchen trash can. On the other hand, I don't care what he does with the scale. It's an old adversary and he can throw it away if he likes.

Meanwhile, I have bought off my daughters, ages four and eight, with tuna salad and persuasion. They participated in the seder and they do understand, to an extent, that willingness to eat special foods and give up old favorites for a week is part of personalizing the experiences in the exodus story. They are accustomed to the discipline of keeping kosher, so this isn't an entirely new concept.

I also hope they understand that I expect them to eat absolutely anything I put in front of them when Passover passes. Imagine having just a week or so when they're thrilled to have a peanut sandwich or a bowl of popcorn.

For now, I am the owner of a virtual vat of charoset. As usual, we overdid it when we started peeling apples and chopping walnuts. Someone is going to have to eat it. The kids won't. The dog won't. I am dieting, again, myself.

"Oh, honey, I packed you a lunch. . . ."

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HAGGADA FOR THE PATRIOTS

Hundreds of Haggadot were presented to soldiers of the American Patriot batteries serving in the Haifa area. The servicemen participated in a Pesach seder in Israel, most of them for the first time. The special Haggadot are a gift of the American-Israel Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest financial group. Haifa bank branch manager Shaul Tzur (centre) pointed out that the message of the Jewish festival of freedom is one shared by both Americans and Israelis.

Backgrounder

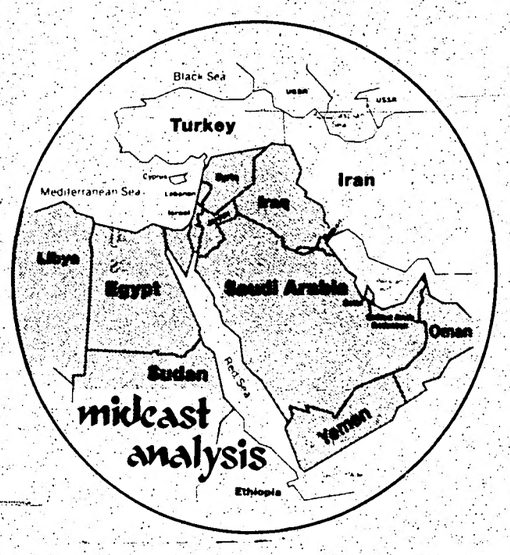
Books examine spy agency

The Mossad — as seen from the outside and inside

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's survival weighs heavily on the shoulders of its leaders, and one of the components of its national security, espionage, is a field in which it has generally excelled.

Being vulnerable to attack by its Arab enemies, Israel had no choice but to create a spy network, consisting of the Mossad, the Shin Bet and Aman. The Mossad carries out foreign operations. The Shin Bet is in charge of internal security. Aman is the intelligence-gathering arm of the Israel Defence Force.



In *Every Spy a Prince* (Thomas Allen, $32.95), Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman describe these agencies, their directors, their publicized missions and their agents. They list the accomplishments and the setbacks. In this respect, *Every Spy a Prince* is scrupulously balanced.

The second volume under review, *By Way of Deception* (Stoddard, $26.95), is by Claire Hoy, a Canadian journalist, and Victor Ostrovsky, a former Mossad case officer now living in Canada. In some respects, it's a far different book than *Every Spy a Prince*. Ostrovsky has first-hand knowledge of the Mossad, and he uses this data to give readers an insider's view of that organization. Last year, the Israeli government unsuccessfully tried to block its publication in North America. Israel also launched a lawsuit against Stoddard and the authors, thereby assuring the book's continued success.

By Way of Deception, which is being translated into some 20 languages, has sold more than 450,000 hardback copies in the United States and Canada. Sales of about two million are expected for the forthcoming paperback edition.

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Every Spy a Prince, though first-rate, is not entirely an original work, since the authors offer few startling revelations. Readers who've followed the activities of Israel's intelligence community are not unaware of its exploits.

Unfolding in chronological order, *Every Spy a Prince* begins with an unsavory incident which led to the dismissal, after only six months, of Aman's first commander, Isser Beeri. He was replaced by his deputy, Chaim Herzog, who brought in computers to break the codes of Arab armies. (Herzog is Israel's current president).

If Herzog shepherded Aman into the brave new world of technology, Reuven Shiloah — the first director of the Mossad — surely established its basic principles. Shiloah, it's noted, forged close relationships with foreign security agencies, especially the Central Intelligence Agency, set up an economic unit to combat the Arab embargo and underlined the need for Israel to have "trusting relations" with the Jews of the Diaspora. Shiloah's successors, including Isser Harel and Meir Amit, enhanced the Mossad's effectiveness.

To Raviv and Melman, one of the Mossad's most spectacular feats was to obtain Nikita Khrushchev's speech to a special Soviet Communist party congress in 1956. By doing so, the Mossad out-performed every Western agency which had been scurrying around for a copy.

In other operations, the Mossad infiltrated spies into Syria (Eli Cohen) and Egypt (Wolfgang Lotz), dispatched booby-trapped letters to German scientists working on missile projects in Egypt, masterminded the flight of an Egyptian Yak trainer and an Iraqi MIG-21 to Israel, helped the rebellious Kurds in Iraq and provided courses in self-defence for Argentine Jews threatened by local fascists.

The Mossad also established clandestine co-operation with Indonesia and Morocco. But in helping Morocco build a secret service, the Mossad became embroiled in the messy Ben-Barka affair — which prompted France to suspend intelligence co-operation with Israel.

As Raviv and Melman observe, the Ben-Barka controversy was not the Mossad's sole mishap. An operation in the mid-1950s designed to undermine Egypt's ties with the United States backfired. In 1965, within a single five-week period, Eli Cohen and Wolfgang Lotz (in actuality a German Jew), the Mossad's most important agents in Damascus and Cairo, were unmasked. Cohen's downfall was particularly a blow, since he had insinuated himself into the inner circle of Syria's elite.

Eli Cohen

The Mossad sustained further defeats in the 1970s, when a hit team mistook an innocent Moroccan waiter in Norway for a Palestinian leader and assassinated him, and when a Lebanese civilian airliner was forced to land in Israel in the mistaken assumption that George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was on board.

The authors largely blame Aman — which they describe as "the largest and most important intelligence agency in the defence of the Jewish state" — for having failed to anticipate Syria's and Egypt's decision to launch the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Shin Bet, on the other hand, is criticized for having encouraged Islamic fundamentalist groups in the territories as a counterweight to the PLO; for having botched up a 1986 Arab bus hijacking, which triggered a serious scandal; for having "failed to see the Palestinians as a political people" and thus being caught offguard by the intifada.

In passing, Raviv and Melman reveal that Shin Bet spied on Israeli politicians, and that Menachem Begin, whom Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion disliked with a passion, was kept under surveillance, as was the Communist party and Mapam.

They disclose that influential voices in the intelligence community opposed the 1981 air raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor. They were afraid that Saddam Hussein would call off his war with Iran and concentrate on Israel.

It's common knowledge that intelligence agencies use attractive women for the purposes of sexual entrapment. The Mossad, we're told, also deploys women, but they're single and are almost always used in this way only once. And while there is no pressure on female agents to exploit their gender, they add, "it is expected of them to use sex as one of many weapons..." It will be recalled that Mordecai Vanunu, the Israeli technician who blew the whistle on Israel's nuclear program, was entrapped by a woman in the employ of the Mossad.

Chaim Herzog

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In *Every Spy a Prince*, Raviv and Melman produced a dispassionate account of Israel's spy agencies. They had no axe to grind. Ostrovsky, on the other hand, diverges from this approach — claiming he was motivated by a desire to expose the Mossad's "twisted ideals, self-centred pragmatism, greed, lust, and a total lack of respect for human life." Unlike *Every Spy a Prince, By Way of Deception* is passionate and, to a degree, even personal.

Essentially, it's an indictment of the Mossad. And while the Mossad is doubtlessly ruthless, Ostrovsky doesn't satisfactorily substantiate his accusations vis-a-vis its moral failings. Besides, since when do intelligence agencies conform to strict moral codes? Yet Ostrovsky, a disgruntled former employee with scores to settle, is not naive. The Mossad course he finished successfully was, as he puts it, "in reality a ... school that taught people to be con artists for their country."

On an impersonal level, *By Way of Deception* is a textbook of Mossad operations — from Israel's efforts to sabotage Iraq's fledgling nuclear program to its role in training spies in foreign countries.

At its best, *By Way of Deception* is valuable as a document which describes, for the first time, the recruitment and training of a Mossad *katsa*, or case officer. *Every Spy a Prince*, by contrast, has no such data.

As Ostrovsky tells it, the Mossad "pulled" his name "out of a computer" while he was still in the Israeli navy. After passing a series of rigorous tests, he was accepted as a trainee. Completing his course in 1985, he quit a year later, claiming he had been scapegoated for a botched operation.

Ostrovsky's description of the tests he had to pass to prove his competence and resourcefulness sounds plausible. For example, he was asked by his trainers to appear on a stranger's balcony, with a glass of water in his hand, within an assigned period of time.

Ostrovsky claims that the Mossad selects the *right* people, "not necessarily the *best* people." If nothing else, his assertion is food for thought.

Ostrovsky peppers *By Way of Deception* with tantalizing morsels, which a reader must accept on faith. To wit: the Mossad manufactures phoney Canadian passports and Jordanian dinars; the Mossad runs hundreds of companies around the world; virtually all Mossad employees are "tied to everyone else through sex"; most Mossad agents in Arab countries pose as Europeans; two to four per cent of information gathered by the Mossad is obtained by agents, but "that small percentage is the most important of all..."

By Way of Deception is marred by factual errors. Suffice it to say that David Kimche (spelled Kimchy) was never deputy minister of the foreign office; he was director-general. The 1976 Entebbe raid took place in July, not in June. Israel withdrew from the Abu Rodeis oil fields in the Sinai before 1979. There is no such organization as the United Jewish Agency.

These are not fatal mistakes, but they do cast some doubt on Ostrovsky's credibility. The same cannot be said about Raviv and Melman.

Taba oasis of amity

By
CATHERINE GERSON

Gently blowing in the warm wind, the Egyptian and Israeli flags seemed to be embracing, to be dancing their own special, private dance of co-existence at the southernmost border point between Egypt and Israel.

Although in theory Taba is Egyptian territory, and the two flag poles are actually divided by a border, from the luxurious Hilton Taba and its private beach the eye cannot see the dividing line between the two countries.

At this spot, which was handed over to Egypt in February 1989, Arabic and Hebrew flow together as naturally as French and English in Quebec, if not more easily. The vast majority of the staff of 200 employees are Egyptian Arabs, but most of them proudly display the Hebrew they have learned while working in the hotel.

While Israelis often feel uncomfortable in East Jerusalem hotels, here, at the much-disputed corner of the Sinai, Israelis find themselves happily chatting with Mamduch, the young entertainment manager from Cairo; with Kalim, the water sports manager; and with all the waiters and maintenance personnel.

A strong feeling of well-being envelops you when, immediately upon entering the beautiful lobby, you are greeted with a generous smile and sincere wishes for a happy stay at the hotel.

Hotel manager Neil Matheson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the normal occupancy rate runs to 90 to 95 per cent of the hotel's 326 rooms. But during the Gulf crisis, tourists stayed away in droves and management had to let go 120 members of the staff.

Matheson, who has managed the hotel since the Hilton chain took over in October 1988, is himself very happy with the strong feeling of camaraderie between the Egyptians and Israelis who mingle and work together in the hotel.

"There has not been a single incident between the two peoples," he said, adding that he had, however, rejected a couple of Egyptian workers "because they just couldn't cope with the situation," and were unable to view the Israeli hotel guests as friends rather than enemies.

Matheson said he has full confidence that in a few years more Egyptians will travel to Israel instead of the current situation of one-way traffic of Israelis crossing over to Egypt.

Although Israel, that is, Eilat, is only 15 minutes away, it was only a few months ago and at Matheson's initiative that all the department heads of the hotel crossed the border for a one-day trip into Israel.

The well-arranged tour of the southern part of the country included visits to hotels in Eilat, a tour of the Timna copper mines and a visit to the Yotvata kibbutz just north of the resort city.

"It was really fascinating. We visited the children's houses and they simply fell upon us, fighting each other to show us their drawings and projects," Matheson said.

The hotel's Egyptian food and beverage manager said that he found the tour of Israel extremely interesting, and now that he's had a taste of it, he would like to take a real tour of the country.

Not only the managers, but the Egyptian guests also expressed strong interest in Israel. Meeting informally over the breakfast buffet or around the pool, the casual conversations included Cairo, Ismailia, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem seemingly all in one sentence, and many Egyptians expressed carefully worded interest in touring Israel "soon, but not yet."

Only when crossing the border post back to Israel and reality does one really understand that the Taba Hilton in Egypt is only 15 minutes away — including passport controls and customs — from Eilat. **(JTA)**

Jews in Palestine prepared themselves for Nazi invasion

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Dina Porat performs a long overdue service in *The Blue and the Yellow Stars of David* (Harvard University Press, $27.95 U.S.), which, as far as I know, is the first English-language, book-length account of the Zionist leadership in Palestine and the Holocaust.

A senior lecturer in Jewish history at Tel Aviv University, Porat has done a thorough job of researching the topic, having delved into the Central Zionist archive and Yad Vashem archives in Jerusalem, the Labor party archive and the Histadrut archives in Tel Aviv and the American Joint Distribution Committee archive in New York City.

Porat examines the Yishuv's knowledge of the Holocaust, its preparedness in the face of a possible German invasion of Palestine and its proposals to save Jews trapped in Nazi-controlled areas.

Britain, the mandatory power in Palestine, was in a precarious military position by the spring of 1941. Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was advancing in North Africa, toward Egypt and Palestine. Britain had withdrawn from Crete under duress. Yugoslavia had been occupied by the Germans. A pro-Axis rebellion was brewing in Iraq, and a German thrust into Syria seemed imminent.

Given these circumstances, the British authorities in Palestine imposed increasingly strict censorship on the press and postal services. In a meeting with Jewish newspaper editors, they suggested that the publication of information pertaining to Nazi atrocities against Jews might not only hinder the war effort but encourage the Arabs to launch an all-out assault on the Yishuv.

By 1942, Porat writes, newspapers in Palestine were allowed to quote only from the censored bulletin of Reuters, the British news agency. Nevertheless, news about the Holocaust filtered out. Several thousand Jewish refugees from Poland managed to reach Palestine through circuitous means, and they told horrific tales, all of which were published in a booklet, *The Shoa of the Jews of Poland*. (The meaning of the word shoah had, in the meantime, undergone a metamorphosis. In 1938, after Kristallnacht, it meant abuse, arrest and murder. By 1940 it was equated with ghettos, disease and death. Only after 1942 did it become synonymous with the systematic annihilation of Jews.)

The gravity of the Holocaust was also underscored by the numerous stories appearing in the Palestinian Jewish press about the fate of European Jewry. Despite the heavy hand of British censorship, enough news got through to make Palestinian Jews sufficiently knowledgeable of the unfolding events in Europe, notably the slaughter of Polish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian Jewry.

Although thousands of kilometres separated the Jews of Palestine from the killing fields of central Europe, the Yishuv itself was not out of danger. In the summer of 1940, the Italian air force bombed the Palestinian coastline, causing some 200 deaths. Two years later, when the Germans were storming across the North African desert, the British high commissioner informed the (Jewish) National Council that if the Egyptian city of Alexandria fell, British troops and administrators would be evacuated from the Middle East.

In response to the crisis, the Yishuv built more settlements, encouraged able-bodied males to enlist in the British armed forces and formed an elite unit of the Hagana for guerrilla warfare behind enemy lines.

Worst-case scenarios were seriously discussed — the evacuation of women and children to neutral or allied countries, the concentration of the Yishuv in Jerusalem in the hope that Germany would not bomb the holy city, the establishment of a government-in-exile. Individuals began looking for hiding places for their children — in monasteries or with Arab friends — and buying vials of poison.

At a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive, Porat discloses, two schools of thought emerged. The first called for a defiant stand to confront a German incursion. The second, accepting the inevitablity of ghettos in Palestine, assumed that the Jewish community would somehow be able to survive a Nazi occupation.

The fatalists/defeatists in the Jewish camp did not prevail. The Hagana, with Histadrut support, resolved to defend the Jewish homeland. Arms were acquired, military training was stepped up and stores of food and supplies were husbanded. In addition, more and more Jews joined the British army. By 1945 close to 30,000 Jews, or about 15 per cent of breadwinners, had enrolled.

Porat dispels the notion that daily life ground to a halt as Germany chalked up one military victory after another. "The Yishuv lived its life, construction continued, business was conducted. There were even celebrations."

Once the tide of war turned against Germany, the Yishuv was able to mobilize much of its resources to the rescue effort. Fund-raising campaigns were mounted, the money to be used for bribing officials and acquiring documents, arms, food and clothing in German-occupied Europe.

According to Porat, the Yishuv's planning and implementation of operations to save European Jewry largely began at the end of 1942 and continued through 1943. Only a few plans were developed in 1944. More often than not, rescue schemes were transmitted by Yishuv representatives based in the five neutral countries — Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden and Turkey.

In spite of its Axis sympathies, Spain granted 30,000 transit visas to Jews up to 1942, allowed Jewish organizations to transfer refugees to North and South America and granted certificates of protection to several thousand Sephardi Jews in the occupied territories.

In 1943, as a result of a Jewish Agency initiative, the Swedish government allowed in 20,000 Jewish children. The U.S. and British ambassadors in Stockholm promised to try to obtain funds from their governments for maintaining the young refugees in Sweden.

From Switzerland, the Jewish Agency found ways of transferring money — and parcels — and tried to operate through the International Red Cross and the Vatican.

Portugal served as a rescue route, while Turkey became the centre of the Yishuv's rescue operations.

Efforts to save children — invariably the first victims of Nazism — were ceaseless. After lengthy negotiations in London in 1943, Britain permitted 4,500 children and 500 adults from Bulgaria to enter Palestine. The chief Jewish negotiator was Moshe Shertok (a future Israeli foreign minister and prime minister). A month later, 500 more children from Romania and Hungary were permitted to immigrate to Palestine.

Late in 1942, the Romanian regime forwarded a proposal to the Jewish Agency under which 70,000 Jews would be able to leave the Transnistria region of the southern Ukraine in return for a hefty payment. The scheme bogged down, partly because it contravened Nazi assurances given to the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, and partly because the Allies were cool to the plan altogether.

Porat deals extensively with the "merchandise for blood" deal devised by Joel Brand of the Jewish Aid and Rescue Committee in Hungary and Adolf Eichmann.

The "merchandise" was to be 10,000 trucks, 80 tons of coffee, 20 tons of tea, 20 tons of cocoa and two million bars of soap. The "blood" was to be 100 Jews for each truck. David Ben-Gurion, who would be Israel's first prime minister, was closely involved in what would be a misbegotten effort.

Porat also examines at length the plea by the Jewish Agency to the Allies to bomb the rail lines to Auschwitz. The Americans argued that the plan was unfeasible because it required considerable forces that were needed elsewhere. The British claimed that the distance was too great, the operation too risky and costly and the potential helpfulness to the prisoners doubtful.

At the behest of Britain, the Yishuv agreed to organize a parachute unit for the purpose of gathering intelligence and fomenting rebellion, especially in the Balkans. Mutual suspicion and conflicts between the Jewish trainees and their British instructors blocked progress, as did bureaucratic bungling.

Of 240 candidates, 32 passed muster. Between March and September of 1944, they operated in Romania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Italy and Austria. Twelve of the parachutists were captured. Seven were executed.

In conclusion, Porat says that the Yishuv acquitted itself honorably during the Holocaust, lapses notwithstanding. Chief among them was the Yishuv's utterly misconceived concept of "selective immigration," whereby veteran Zionists and their families, as well as young pioneers training for life in Palestine, would be given preference over "just any Jew."

Fortunately, this policy was jettisoned when the Yishuv finally realized that it could not play with the lives of innocent Jews.

Tel Aviv in the 1940s — the centre of the Yishuv.

A memorial to a family and a community

By
SUSAN SMALL

One of the few survivors from the town of Buczacz, in eastern Galicia, used to talk about Fedor Hill: That is where hundreds of Jewish men, between the age of 16 and 50, were shot to death at the start of the Nazi invasion. Their families thought they had been taken away to work elsewhere.

For weeks after, she recalled, the wives, mothers and children of these men would go outside to see if their husbands, brothers and sons were coming home. This was the beginning of the war, and the peaceful, civilized community of Buczacz, like so many others, could not yet conceive of the kinds of atrocities that had already begun. During the next few years many more Buczacz citizens would meet their deaths at Fedor Hill.

In May 1990, another of the town's handful of survivors, Mina Rosner, who lives in Winnipeg, returned to Buczacz. She stopped at Fedor Hill, which now serves as the town's main Christian cemetery. "Even today," she writes in *I Am A Witness*, (Hyperion Press) "it's not uncommon for grave diggers to uncover unidentified human remains whenever they prepare a new burial spot."

Rosner's book is a memorial to her family and her community. Now a senior citizen, she has chosen to record what she witnessed and experienced, because, she writes, the world is not yet free of intolerance and prejudice.

Jews had lived in Buczacz since the 16th century. By the 1930's more than half the population of 18,000 was Jewish. Among the figures born in Buczacz were Sigmond Freud, Simon Wiesenthal, S.Y. Agnon (the first Nobel Prize winner in Hebrew literature) and Emanuel Ringelblum (the historian of the Warsaw Ghetto.)

In September 1939, when the Germans invaded Poland, Buczacz was captured by the Soviets. Rosner, born and raised in Buczacz, gave birth to her first child, a boy, during this period. When war broke out between Russia and Germany, on June 22, 1941, Rosner's world collapsed rapidly. Her husband left for work, and did not return. Soon, her brothers, sisters, and parents were all to lose their lives.

Rosner, with her infant son, left Buczacz for a nearby town, Kolomyja, where she hoped to wait out the war. But here, she was introduced to a type of terror the Nazis perpetrated under the name of an *aktion*. This was, in essence, a sudden, organized, bloody raid on a community, similar to a pogrom.

When Rosner made her way back to Buczacz, from Kolomyja, news of the Nazi brutalities had not yet reached her home town. Radios had been confiscated from the Jewish households, and people tended to disbelieve the rumors. When Rosner tried to relate the terror she had witnessed, some of her listeners thought she had gone mad.

Rosner's description of how she lost her little boy, during the early part of the war, is heartrending. Even her own family could not take the risk of allowing her to hide in their bunker. People were afraid that the child's cry would give away their hiding place, and lead to their death. Consequently, little children, throughout Europe and Buczacz, lost lives, often at the hands of their own parents, in order to allow others to survive.

Reluctantly, she agreed to give her son to a peasant woman, who promised to look after him. The child took ill, and died soon after she took him back, in her own arms. His death is movingly described by Rosner.

Rosner's parents were taken away a week before Passover, on April 13, 1943. The survivors in the family improvised a traditional seder. But the four questions, or any other questions, were not asked that night.

Toward the end of the war, fate brought her a guardian angel in the person of a kindly, poor Polish farmer. He, his wife and daughter went out of their way to help her.

Rosner spent 10 months with the farmer, and was treated as a part of his family. She characterizes him as a man "totally free of prejudices and hatred."

In March 1944, the Soviets briefly entered Buczacz. Those Jews who came out of hiding were confronted by German troops, and murdered. When Buczacz was finally liberated by the Soviets in July, 1944, less than 100 Jews were alive.

After the war, Rosner stayed in Buczacz for a short time. Along with other survivors, she moved to a town in Lower Silesia. There, one day in January 1946, she opened the door, and stood face to face with her husband, Michael, whom she had last seen in 1941. It was, to say the least, a heartwarming renunion.

World

Vatican rules Isabella no saint

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A potentially serious rift in Catholic-Jewish relations has been averted as a result of a Vatican panel's decision to recommend against beatifying Queen Isabella I of Spain.

The 40 bishops on the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity unanimously passed a resolution which reportedly states that the proposed beatification of Isabella contradicts current church positions on the freedom of conscience.

The resolution also reportedly concludes there is no evidence that Isabella fulfils the requirements for sainthood, which includes proof that the candidate performed at least two miracles during her lifetime.

It also says her beatification would work against the Vatican's interest in promoting 1992 as the 500th anniversary of the advent of Christianity in the "new world," rather than as the dark close to the golden age of Spanish Jewry.

Isabella is viewed as a despot by both Jews and Muslims, who were subjected to torture, forced conversion and expulsion during her reign from 1474-1504.

Under her leadership, the Inquisition was established in all of Spain. In 1492, Jews were required to convert to Christianity or leave Castile and Aragon. In 1502, Muslims were forced to make the same choice.

The resolution recommending against beatification was presented to Pope John Paul II.

Though the Pontifical Council has no formal jurisdiction over the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which oversees the actual process of making saints, several bishops participate in both groups.

The resolution carries great "moral weight," according to one Catholic theologian.

"Though it doesn't officially kill the effort, most people consider it a dead case now," said the Rev. John Pawlikowski of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Several senior American Catholic officials agreed that the beatification of Isabella is now a dead issue. They said a statement may be issued by the Vatican confirming that her cause has been "postponed indefinitely," which, in the language of the church, would mean that her case is no longer being considered.

A significant factor in the Pontifical Council's decision was said to be the outcry from Catholic, Jewish and Muslim groups around the world once news of Isabella's proposed beatification spread.

In many cases, Catholics and Jews together made their opinion clear through Vatican diplomatic channels.

The Pontifical Council was formed in 1969 to implement the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, which transformed the historical attitudes of the Catholic Church toward Jews and Judaism. The pope appoints each of the 40 bishops on the body.

The Pontifical Council has under its domain the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews, the group that has regular contact with world Jewry through IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

The process of making saints has been cloaked in secrecy since the Vatican first started the system early in church history. A resolution against a candidate is considered a rare and important step for the Pontifical Council.

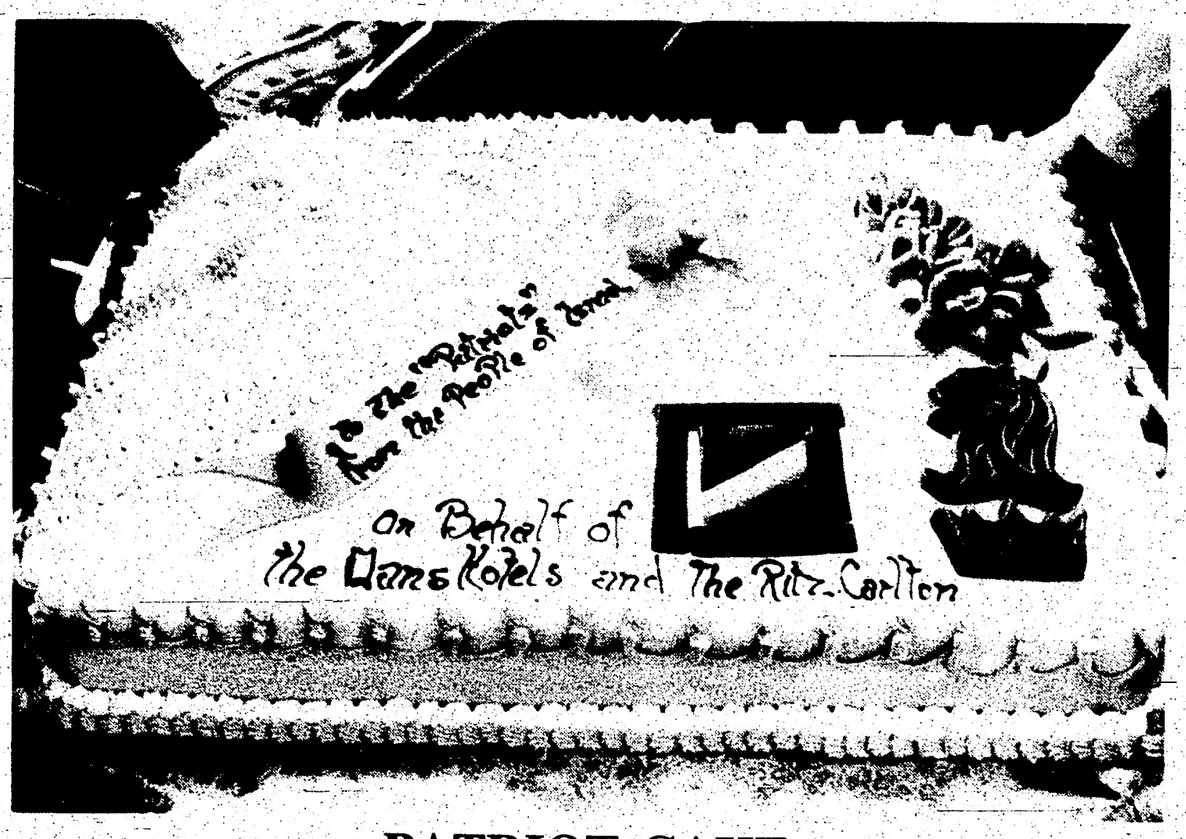
According to Pawlikowski, Isabella's is the first cause for sainthood the Pontifical Council has even semi-publicly opposed.

"Some important people in the Pontifical Council let it be known that they would welcome protest fairly early in the game. Prominent leadership within a leading Vatican office encouraged letter writing," he said.

It is "generally a very quiet process. This is rather unusual," he said.

To many of the Jewish leaders who were vocal in their opposition to Isabella's candidacy, the concern demonstrated by the Pontifical Council marks a maturation of the relationship between Catholics and Jews.

In the past, the relationship has been weakened by dispute, even broken off at times, because of controversies such as the occupation of a convent at the Auschwitz death camp by a group of Carmelite nuns and the pope's meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and Kurt Waldheim, the ex-Nazi president of Austria.



PATRIOT CAKE

An Israeli culinary team visiting Boston to help stage an Israel Week festival at the Ritz Carlton Hotel took time out to bake a message of thanks from the people of Israel to Raytheon, the manufacturer of the Patriot missiles. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

U.S. Senate backs aid for Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The Senate voted 92-8 last week to provide Israel with $650 million in additional aid to offset its added defence-preparedness costs during the Persian Gulf conflict.

The money for Israel was included as part of an emergency supplemental aid bill covering costs related to Operation Desert Storm.

A similar bill was approved overwhelmingly by the House of Representatives on March 7. But to receive any of the funds, Israel will have to wait for a House-Senate conference committee to iron out differences between the two chambers' versions of the bill.

Speaking after the vote, Sen. John Heinz (R-Pa.) said the bill "reimburses the people of Israel for a portion of the material costs inflicted on them" during the Gulf War.

But the bill covers only extraordinary military expenses and not property damage caused by the 39 Iraqi missiles fired at Israel.

The Senate took the additional step of barring delivery of $55 million in aid to Jordan this fiscal year unless President Bush certifies to Congress that Jordan is taking positive steps toward bringing about peace in the Middle East.

During the Gulf conflict, the White House suspended further deliveries of U.S. aid to Jordan this fiscal year, specifically blocking the transfer of $246 million in aid that was about to be released. That action was taken in response to King Hussein's open support for Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait.

The new effort to block additional aid won Senate approval in a voice vote on an amendment sponsored by Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.). A motion to strip the amendment from the bill failed by a vote of 57-43.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that he was "very disappointed" with the Senate action, saying it would reduce Bush's "flexibility" in foreign policy at a time when he is trying to bring about peace in the Middle East.

Also as part of the bill, the Senate adopted an amendment calling on Syria to allow the country's estimated 4,000 Jews to reunite with family members abroad. The measure was adopted by voice vote.

On another subject, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously adopted an amendment that calls on the administration to encourage Arab nations to recognize Israel's right to exist. The Senate resolution has 51 co-sponsors.

A House version has 71 co-sponsors.

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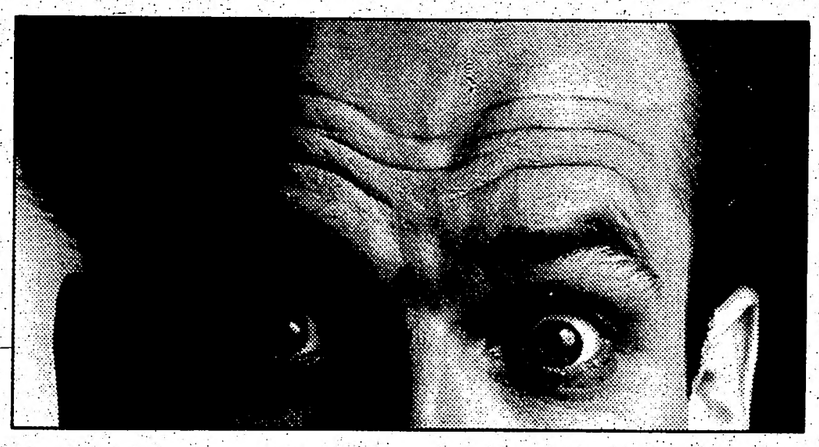

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Japan said obeying Arab boycott of Israel

NEW YORK —

A report by the World Jewish Congress charges that Japanese companies, in collusion with the Japanese government, have systematically adhered to the Arab-directed economic boycott of Israel.

The report describes Japan "as the country whose indiscriminate, government-encouraged compliance with the Arab boycott surpasses that of any other industrialized state."

Among Japanese companies that refuse any business dealings with Israel are corporate giants such as Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Hitachi, Nippon Steel, Canon and Toshiba.

Other companies such as Sony, Sanyo, Sharp and Matsushita (Panasonic), have allowed some of their products to be sold in Israel, but only indirectly.

The economic boycott of Israel is directed by the Arab League and seeks to disrupt commerce with the Jewish state by blacklisting companies doing business with Israel or otherwise supporting "Zionist" aims. It is administered by the central office of the boycott with its headquarters in Damascus.

Under legislation enacted by the United States in 1976, compliance by American companies with the boycott is illegal. The scope of the boycott was revealed that year when the commerce department disclosed that 2,000 firms had reported over 97,000 transactions with boycott conditions or requirements.

The WJC study says that "the response of the U.S. government stands in marked contrast to that of the Japanese."

Accordingly, "Japanese companies reap unfair advantages over U.S. companies which are constrained by the U.S. anti-boycott laws."

Moreover, the study reports that Japan's "powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry plays a very significant role in this system, informing companies how to operate within the confines of the boycott regulations."

The report further states: "Japanese banks refuse to provide long-term credit for financing exports to Israel, Japan Air-Lines (JAL) will not land in Israel and Japanese ships will not anchor at Israeli ports. Direct investments, joint industrial projects and the exchange of research and development information have been virtually non-existent.

"When confronted with the evidence of their compliance with the Arab boycott," the report states that Japanese officials "take refuge in outright denial, evasion and, best, minor diplomatic and trade adjustments mostly designed to appease opinion in the United States."

Japan's capitulation to the boycott stems from its desire "to do nothing that would antagonize the Arab states." The report notes: "Because Japanese imports from the Middle East consist almost entirely of crude oil and related products, trade with the area remains of crucial importance to the Japanese and they refrain from doing anything that they think will jeopardize it."

Japan's adherence to discriminatory trade practices as demanded by the boycott, is a policy that "exposes Japanese hypocrisy in its dealings with the international trading community when judged against Japanese stated adherence to the principles of free trade," the report states.

In releasing the report, Evelyn Sommer, U.S. chairman of the WJC, said the WJC was doing so as a first step in mobilizing a global campaign against Japanese compliance with the boycott.

"The first step in our efforts to combat these unethical practices, is to expose them," Sommer stated.

Largest seder in the world held at "top of the world"

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The "world's highest seder" was held for the fourth consecutive year in Katmandu, capital of Nepal, a kingdom of 18 million nestled in the Himalayan mountain range, literally at the top of the world.

It was also probably one of the largest seders anywhere.

The Israeli ambassador, Shmuel Moyal, played host to about 900 guests, Israelis and other Jews, tourists, backpackers and business people, many from northern India.

The Nepalese government obligingly provided a huge tent to accommodate them.

The Brooklyn-based Lubavitcher Chassidic movement supplied the kosher-for-Pesach food. Four young emissaries of the Lubavitcher rebbe delivered a ton-and-a-half of matzah, among other items.

The Israeli envoy said he started the tradition four years ago with a modest Passover feast. In addition to inviting the small Israeli Embassy staff and their families, the Israeli ambassador posted a notice on the embassy gates welcoming any Israelis or other Jews visiting the region.

To the ambassador's surprise, more than 100 people showed up. A local hotel supplied a suitable meal, crockery and flatware.

The following year, the seder was held at a hotel. Last year, a marquee was erected on the embassy grounds.

Jewish support welcomed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (JTA) —

Kansas City's first black mayor gives the Jewish community much credit for his victory.

"The Jews involved in my campaign have played major roles," said Mayor-elect Emanuel Cleaver, 46, pastor of Saint James-Paseo United Methodist Church.

He plans "strong Jewish involvement "in his administration, Cleaver told the Chronicle in an interview.

David Goldstein, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/ American Jewish Committee, explained his position precluded supporting any candidate. But he backed Cleaver privately "because he has been a friend of the Jewish community as long as I have been in Kansas City."

Cleaver asked Goldstein to join his six-member transition committee. He appointed Jewish attorney Harold Fridkin chairman.

He said Jewish support "added credibility to the campaign" by creating the multi-racial ecumenical tone necessary for non-blacks to feel comfortable supporting him.

Cleaver acknowledged that black-Jewish relations on the national level have become strained in recent years.

It is better in Kansas City than the national picture, but it needs work here too, he said.

He recently discussed the issue with his colleague, Mayor David Dinkins of New York, who had difficulty repairing the black-Jewish rift.

"One of the things he advised me on was to make sure that I establish and maintain strong relations with the Jewish community so that Kansas City would not get into the strain that they have had in New York City," the mayor-elect said.

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Israel must respond to post-war challenges: Herzog

JERUSALEM —

Israel's President Chaim Herzog sent the following Yom Ha'atzmaut message to the Jewish communities around the world.

"The 43rd anniversary of Israel's independence is being celebrated at the end of an extraordinary year. The word miracle has become almost commonplace among us. How better can one describe the frustration of Saddam Hussein's plan to burn, gas and devastate much of Israel, as he proclaimed he would and was equipped to do with his supply of non-conventional weapons?

How better, too, can one speak of the second Exodus — the great wave of Jews streaming from the Soviet Union to Israel, with some 200,000 arriving in the last 12 months?

"Yet even miracles take their toll in grief, sacrifice and exertion. Before the brilliant operation of the American-led Coalition forces brought Iraq to its knees, the Scuds it launched had paralysed tourism and other aspects of Israel's economy, destroyed or damaged thousands of homes, wounded hundreds of citizens.

"It was clear that Saddam Hussein hoped to provoke a military response by Israel, with a view to splitting the Coalition forces. When the government of Israel refrained from reacting to the cynical maneouver, its policy of restraint won worldwide approval and respect, without diminishing universal conviction as to its deterrent capacity.

"Inevitably, post-war efforts to institute a new order in this region will prove to be a difficult and drawn out process, in the course of which the State of Israel will be confronted by very grave challenges.

"Whoever believes that the Arab states can easily be brought together to reach agreements, ignores the realities of the Arab world — a world torn by disputes and inner contradictions, as indeed the Arabs themselves are among the chief victims of murder by Arabs in the intifada here.

"There is a tendency to see the Arab-Israel situation as the central and most perilous conflict in the Middle East — indeed, that is the view of the European community. This view is wrong and it has indeed been proved incorrect many times, especially now in the light of the crisis and war in the Gulf.

"The Arab-Israel conflict is undoubtedly an important one and efforts must be made to achieve a solution. However, it is far less dangerous than Islamic fundamentalism which menaces not only the countries of this region but also the five Muslim republics of the Soviet Union with their 60 million inhabitants — and perhaps countries in East Asia as well.

"The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was not caused by the Israel-Arab conflict, nor was the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan or the Iran-Iraq War and the dismemberment of Lebanon.

"It is not my intention now to enter into the details of the political arrangements we should like to see. Let us hope that Iraq's attacks on Israel and the restraint practised by Israel have encouraged a new approach to Israel in some of the Arab countries.

"We would wish to be able to persuade our neighbors to imitate the European model — perhaps in a joint effort to establish a Middle East Common Market. Actually, almost limitless possibilities for our benefit and that of the region as a whole are opened by the Russian immigration, which brings with it so many talents, so much knowledge and expertise.

"The contribution Russian aliya may make to Israel and this region is the external aspect of its significance. In the terms of Jewish history it denotes the cause of threatened lives, the restoration of their people's heritage and their own identity to a large fraction of the once most creative Jewish community, forcibly cut off for over 70 years from its past and its self.

"The challenge of absorption is enormous — in physical and psychological terms. In these unprecedented circumstances we have the amazing — and indeed miraculous — opportunity to give new directions to the future of our people and of Israel. Enormous effort and resouces must be involved in the adequate absorption of hundreds of thousands, perhaps eventually as many as a million, Soviet Jews — in addition to the remarkable Ethiopian aliya.

"What has already been done has been and had to be the fruit of partnership between Israel and world Jewry which is reaching new dimensions in voluntary self-taxation. Great things have been accomplished in Israel, though we sadly admit to some failings and disturbing aspects.

"There is immediate need for tens of thousands of housing units and job opportunities. Increased employment depends, we know, on new industries, businesses, and research institutions: these will call for billions in investment capital — still another challenge to the world Jewish community, as to Israel.

"It is essential that the world Jewish community respond to this challenge. Its response, however impressive, is still very inadequate. History will never forgive our generation if we fail to meet this great challenge. The efforts of world Jewry, as indeed the efforts of the people of Israel, must be redoubled and trebled in order to face up to the new realities created by the mass movement of the Russian Jewish community to Israel.

"We dare not fail. It is the duty of every member of the Jewish community throughout the world to realize the weight of responsibility which rests on him or her. We must succeed and we will succeed, because I believe that world Jewry will yet rise to the occasion, lest future generations condemn us for not standing up to the test and so missing an extraordinary rendezvous with detiny.

"May Israel's 44th year see peace, economic growth, effective absorption of great waves of aliya, Jewish education and solidarity everywhere.

"To all of you — Chag Sameach."

Flights from Ethiopia expected to resume

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has confirmed that Israel expects the imminent resumption of immigrant flights from Ethiopia.

He expressed concern, nevertheless, for the safety of Jews in Ethiopia and the continuation of their aliya should rebel forces triumph over the government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

The weekly flights, which have brought about 2,000 olim from Ethiopia to Israel since the start of the year, were interrupted at the beginning of this month without explanation.

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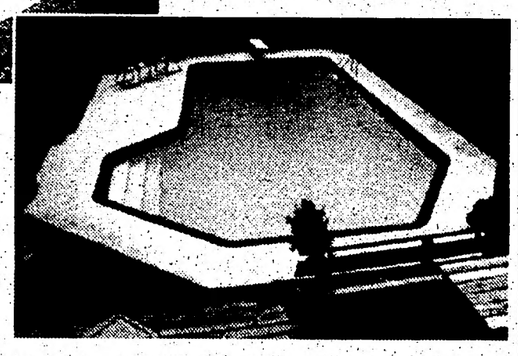

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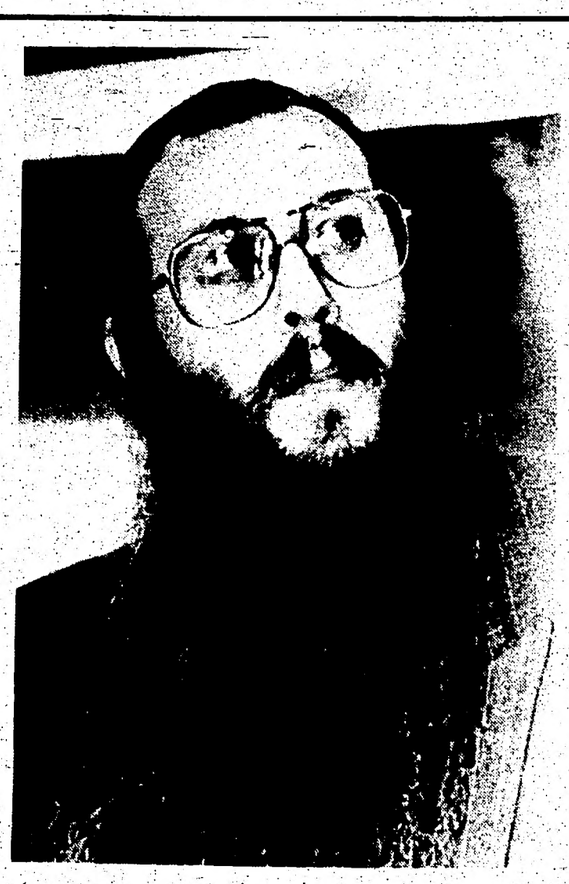

KACH LEADER

Rabbi Avraham Toledano has been chosen to head the Kach party's campaign to expel all Arabs out of Israel. Toledano, a 32-year-old father of five, succeeds Rabbi Meir Kahane who was assasinated last fall. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

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Agudat Yisrael wants BGU Airport closed

Ban on Saturday flights sought

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a new attempt to enforce Sabbath observance on all walks of life in Israel, the Agudat Yisrael party is pushing for the closure of Ben-Gurion Airport on Saturdays.

The issue appears likely to lead to another basic conflict between the secular state and its religious minority, which has considerable political clout.

The international air terminal, a major source of revenue, has always functioned seven days a week. Its closure over the Sabbath could mean disastrous economic losses, say opponents of the plan, including Transport Minister Moshe Katsav.

But the Agudah, which held out longer than any of the other Orthodox parties before its five Knesset members joined Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's coalition government last year, is in a position to impose its will.

The initiative was taken by veteran Agudah Knesset member Menahem Porush, who, as deputy minister of labor and social welfare, controls the issuance of Sabbath work permits.

His sub-cabinet status is the result of the non-Zionist Agudah's ideological reservations about holding cabinet rank in a secular government. Although Shamir nominally holds the labor portfolio, he lets Porush run the ministry.

Porush has renewed the airport's Sabbath work permit until June. At the same time, he set up a committee of officials from his own ministry and the Transport Ministry for a detailed examination of the airport's functioning.

He has served notice that he proposes to severely limit, if he cannot altogether abrogate, the airport's work permit.

Civil servants and politicians of the two major parties, Likud and Labor, say the move is a potential disaster.

But given the delicate state of the governing coalition, few pundits will predict an Agudah failure. Shamir's Knesset majority depends mainly on the strictly Orthodox, or haredi, parties.

The defection of any one would shave that majority dangerously thin. Agudah made clear that it would not hesitate to jump ship the moment Likud reneged on the religious concessions it offered as inducements to join the government.

One of those concessions was the shut-down of public transportation on the Sabbath. But in Israel, that applies chiefly to buses. While the coalition agreement promised tighter enforcement of Sabbath laws, Israel's only international airport was never specified.

Its shutdown would affect only the flights of foreign airlines, since the state-owned El Al is forbidden to fly on the Sabbath.

But closing the airport would close down Maman, the government-owned cargo handling and servicing company that provides ground service for foreign airlines.

Katsav called Porush's plan inconceivable. "If need be, I will intervene to prevent closure of Ben-Gurion or stoppage of Maman on Shabbat," said the minister, who is himself a Sabbath observer.

Not only passenger flights but Israel's vital cargo flights to Europe would be affected.

According to Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, a Laborite who chairs the Knesset economic committee, "this would mean a serious blow to the economy, and particularly our agricultural exports. It would seriously disrupt our relations with foreign airlines, with grave repercussions for tourism and trade," she said.

But Agudah politicians dismiss such warnings. They point with triumph to El Al, whose profitability actually increased after it stopped Sabbath flights in the mid-1980s, despite dire predictions of economic disaster.

El Al's patronage has always been overwhelmingly Jewish, but many Orthodox Jews preferred to travel on foreign carriers that accommodated them with kosher meals than on a Jewish airline that flew on the Sabbath.

El Al's improved load factor after turning Sabbath observant can be attributed in part to the Orthodox passengers who flocked to it after winning their point, though the airline also reduced the overall number of flights.

But the airport is a much more cosmopolitan utility. Arbeli-Almoslino is urging Shamir to attend her committee meetings in his formal capacity as minister of labor.

Dating the Dead Sea Scrolls

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A laboratory in Zurich employing a new, improved method of carbon-14 dating has pinpointed the age of the Dead Sea Scrolls to between the second century BCE and the beginning of the first century CE, according to Magen Broshi, curator of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, where some of the most important scrolls are kept.

The scientific finding should put an end to a 40-year challenge to the scrolls' antiquity by some wary scholars.

The determination of the amount of radioactive carbon-14 remaining in the scrolls means they were written between 2,000 and 2,200 years ago.

"This is how it should be. I have waited for this a long time," said Dr. Samuel Iwry, a scholar at Johns Hopkins University who specializes in the formative years of the group called the New Covenantlers, or the Essenes, the people believed to have written the scrolls.

"We all knew all the way from internal evidence, by reading the scrolls and by reading the script," Iwry said.

Another scholar who believed the dates were as proved by this method was the late Dr. Solomon Birnbaum, a paleographer.

Broshi said the Zurich lab is one of only three in the world using the new dating method. Its tests marked the first time the carbon-14 method was used to date the famous scrolls.

Of more than 800 scrolls found, only two refer to historic events which suggest a date.

Previous estimates of their age were based mainly on paleography, the study of ancient writing. On this basis, scholars had deduced that the scrolls were written over the course of three-and-half centuries, from the mid-third century BCE to the eve of the Roman conquest, or 68 CE.

Broshi said the Israeli government's Department of Antiquities decided last summer to submit samples of scroll material to the Swiss firm for dating.

The old method of carbon-14 dating required the destruction of parts of ancient documents to obtain the necessary carbon-14 samples. The new method requires only a pinhead-size sample, Broshi explained.

It dates the material to within 30 to 60 years, whereas the older method left a 230-year margin of error.

The Antiquities Department employed careful controls to confirm the authenticity of the test results. In addition to the 10 scroll samples, it sent Zurich samples of four other ancient parchment and papyrus scrolls clearly dated by their texts.

None of the samples was identified, so their origin was unknown to the Swiss lab.

According to Antiquities Department officials, the findings submitted by the laboratory two weeks ago correlated with the known dates of the dated documents and the estimated dates of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The scrolls, probably the most momentous archaeological find of the century, were stumbled upon by a young Arab shepherd in 1947 in the caves at Kumran on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Egyptian policeman sentenced

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Egyptian court on has sentenced a young border policeman to 12 years in prison for killing five Israelis and wounding 25 others in a highway ambush just inside Israel's border with Egypt last Nov. 25.

The families of the victims immediately protested that the penalty was too light, considering the carnage.

But the court, which pronounced sentence in Suez, said it had to consider the mental state of the accused, 23-year-old Ayman Mohammed Hassan.

A recruit serving two years' compulsory military service in the border police, Ayman was diagnosed as having a "brain deficiency" which, according to the medical report "reduced his responsibility but did not entirely absolve him of it."

Relatives of the slain victims, who included four Israel Defence Force soldiers and a civilian bus driver, said the court should have imposed the death penalty, which is prescribed for murder under Egyptian law.

As the authorities of both countries pieced it together, Hassan, who was in uniform and carrying an automatic weapon, left his post on the Egyptian side of the border and penetrated about 300 yards into Israel.

He took a concealed position facing the Eilat-Rafah highway near Ein Netafim and commenced shooting at oncoming traffic. His targets included a military bus, a civilian bus carrying soldiers and a private car.

Three IDF sergeants and the civilian were killed instantly. A fourth soldier died later of his wounds.

The shooting spree ended when Hassan fired at a bus carrying civilian employees of the Ovdat air force base and was wounded by its armed guard.

He was taken into custody and turned over to the Egyptian authorities, who promised a thorough investigation and speedytrial.

According to his statement at the time, Hassan said he shot the Israelis to avenge 17 Palestinians killed by Israeli border police during the Temple Mount riot in East Jerusalem on Oct. 8.

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI LAWRENCE PERLMAN

Very few events illustrate the sensibilities of being a modern Jew like Yom Ha'atzmaut. Celebrated on the fifth of Iyar, which is the anniversary — according to the Hebrew calendar — of the establishment of the State of Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut presents a problem that all modern Jews have. How do we attach significance to an unprecedented religious event?

The appearance of a modern, nationalistic movement, Zionism, which had no clear religious mandate or motivation, became the inspiration for the establishment of Israel. The dilemma of the modern Jew appeared as soon as Israel was born of many mothers. Was Israel a religious or a secular state?

Without a doubt, many of the inspirational leaders and loyal foot-soldiers of Zionism, whose blood and sweat were largely responsible for the appearance of the state, had long before shed their religious orthodoxy. The modern Jew is faced with the dilemma that men like Theodor Herzl, Ahad Ha'Am and Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who gave birth to the Jewish state, were not identifiably religious, nor did they associate themselves with any form of orthodoxy in the Judaic tradition. No doubt there were many religious figures, rabbinic and otherwise, who closely identified themselves with the aspirations and actions of Zionism. But history is full of examples and counter-examples and the attempt by anyone to revise the significance of the State of Israel to fit their own theological needs is, at best an act of misconception, and at worst an act of deception.

The modern religious Jew must face the intellectual and emotional challenge that one of the greatest religious moments in modern Jewish life was conceived, formulated and given wings by Jews who did not live within narrow religious and halachic confines. Put succinctly, is Yom Ha'atzmaut a secular or a religious event?

We find ourselves pulled in two directions at once. Nation states are founded upon democratic, cultural and military principles. Where is the need for religion? Simultaneously, the significance of the land and its possession by our forefathers, singled out by God thousands of years ago, points to our miraculous return and its religious meaning. How do we exist on the horns of this dilemma?

This is not only a theoretical problem. There is a very practical religious issue at stake here. In the scheme of worldly things it may seem acutely trivial, but it expresses the joy and frustration, the redemption and alienation, the purpose and apathy that many people, those who dwell there and those who don't, feel toward the state of Israel.

The custom to recite Hallel and a special Haftorah in the synagogue, to mention only two of the significant rituals of the day, has arisen over the course of time. Usually both of these rituals are preceded by their appropriate blessings.

But the modern religious mind has sometimes chosen to forgo the blessings on Yom Ha'atzmaut because of its insecurity. Instead of interpreting the historical significance of the moment, the miracle of the birth of the State of Israel and the redemptive quality of Israel, which came upon us only three years after the destruction of the Holocaust, many would rather resort only to confines of Halacha. They choose not to recite Hallel and the Haftorah with the appropriate blessings, because there is no halachic precedent for doing so.

When they encounter modernity, the struggle between a nation state and its religious destiny embodied in a promise to Abraham, "for I give all the land that you see to you and your offspring forever," they cannot solve the dilemma, they cannot exist between the tension that pulls us toward the secularism of some of Israel's founders and the vibrancy of a holy land signaled out by God. They will not consecrate the moment of Israel's birth and existence with sacred words.

Similarly, many secularists, when facing this same situation, will also defer, thinking that history is only what man makes of it. The miracle of Israel's birth will be reduced to a movement of human power. No sacred words could change that, they reason.

Whether many of us find ourselves in synagogues or alone on the fifth of Iyar, I deeply hope that everyone considers this modern dilemma that is centred on Yom Ha'atzmaut. Each of us must find the strength of mind and the faithfulness of heart to realize that the holy is not a world taken apart and dissected. Our ancient tradition never absolutely distinguished between the secular and the holy. The promise of God to Abraham lives in each "secular" Jew and the love of all things Jewish, even nation-states, is part of the air that all "religious" Jews breathe.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is the day of our national freedom. It is a day of freedom and rejoicing when we can, in modern life, collect and gather all of the elements of our people and bless the State of Israel.

The disparities of modern life can be united as we recite the blessing of Hallel and the Haftorah on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Rabbi Lawrence Perlman is the spiritual leader of the Shaare Zion Synagogue in Montreal.

Bologna rabbi goes to RIETS

NEW YORK — When Alberto Somekh, the chief rabbi of Bologna, Italy, wanted to study Judaism and the American Jewish community, he followed the advice of Rome's chief rabbi and enrolled at Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) in New York City.

Already a recognized scholar who specializes in ancient languages, Rabbi Somekh — whose father came from Baghdad — is a descendant of the former chief rabbi of Iraq, Rabbi Abdallah Somekh. His family included other Jewish religious leaders prominent in the Arab world.

What he will take home with him to the 2,000-year-old Italian Jewish community, many of whom can trace their ancestry to the slaves brought by the Romans, are images of an American community full of vibrance and hope for the future.

"I am impressed by the joie de vivre and great optimism of the American Jew about his or her future," noted Rabbi Somekh. "I will bring the commitment and enthusiasm back with me to Italy."

The rabbi's year of study is being funded by a scholarship from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Rabbi Alberto Somekh

Ordained at the Collegio Rabbinico Italiano in Milan, Rabbi Somekh holds the equivalent of a master's degree in classical and Semitic languages and literatures from the University of Milan.

Fluent in English and Hebrew, the rabbi can also read French. Rabbi Somekh has additionally studied Latin, ancient Persian and Greek, Sanskrit and Aramaic. He was appointed first chazzan at the Great Synagogue of Milan in 1980 and as rabbi in Bologna in 1985.

In the relatively short time the rabbi has been in the United States, he found some striking differences, as well as many similarities, between the two communities. One of the most noticeable differences, he said, is the sense of security which American Jews take for granted.

Rabbi Somekh's synagogue and many others throughout Italy are guarded by police 24 hours a day. Before every function or religious service, the inside is scoured for bombs.

"I can't say that there is widespread anti-Semitism in Italy because non-Jews have always been very kind to us, as have the authorities," noted Rabbi Somekh. "During the Holocaust, I would say more non-Jews tried to save Jews in Italy than in many other countries. But there is a questionable underground."

However, Italian Jewry's ties to its religion remain strong. Even in Bologna, with only 200 Jews, there is a *mikvah* (ritual bath) and kosher dining room. The University of Bologna, where Rabbi Somekh teaches Jewish studies part-time, is the oldest in Europe.

Most of the 30,000 Italian Jews are professionals employed in such fields as education, business, law and medicine. The community has a history dating back to the Renaissance of practising what Rabbi Somekh calls "intellectual Torah."

Much to his delight, the rabbi has found that the Italian and Yeshiva University approach to Judaism have much in common; and both espouse *Torah U Madda* (the blending of the secular and religious) and educational philosophy.

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Awards banquet held in Toronto

Jewish youth participate in National Bible Contest

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Jewish children across Canada had a chance to test their knowledge of the Bible as well as share their heritage with other students at the recent Canadian National Bible Contest.

The mandate of the annual contest, co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, The Board of Jewish Education of Toronto, The Jewish Education Council of Montreal and the Jewish National Fund, is to promote the love of the Bible and Israel among Jewish children through a framework in which they are motivated through constructive competition.

At the awards and closing banquet held at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation, Sandy Brown, chairman, Board of Jewish Education of Toronto told parents, teachers and students that "it is a special pleasure for me to take part in something so meaningful to all of us."

She said that what makes the contest so special is that it gives children across the country, from both small and large communities, a chance to share their heritage. "When small community children are given the chance to be with large community children they can see that no matter where they come from, they are all Jews."

She added that no matter who won the prizes in the contest "you are all winners."

Consul General of Israel, Benjamin Abileah, stressed that this contest "a test of knowledge of our history, customs and language is more important than any championship series."

Ben Prossin, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, said that his organization is proud to be one of the sponsors of this contest "because education is one of our mandates. You students are our hope for the future of the Jewish community and we hope that your roots will grow deep."

Kurt Rothschild, president, Canadian Zionist Federation, told the group that "I am forever a great fan of this contest. I congratulate each and everyone of you for your studies. We are called people of the book and you have made that come alive."

First place winners of the contest in the Hebrew division, some of whom will compete in the 1992 International Bible Contest to be held in Israel, were grade 5/6 Ayel Daniels, Associated Hebrew Day School, Leslie Branch; grade 7/8, Ariel Rothstein, Maimonides High School, Vancouver; grade 9/13, Shlomo Kapustin, Yeshivat Or Chaim, Downsview.

First place in the English division was Michelle Gutkin, Bet Sefer Solel, Mississauga.

Other winners included Rachel Kahn Troster, United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Branch; Elisheva Zolty, Eitz Chaim Day School, Spring Farm Branch; Yehuda Zolty, Eitz Chaim Day School, Patricia Branch; Bonnie Gitman, Herzliah High School, Montreal; Yonathan Stanleigh, Yeshivat Or Chaim, Downsview; Jonathan Snowbell, Yeshivat Or Chaim, Downsview; Yuval Klein, Akiva Academy, Calgary; Jason Cherniak, Beth Tikvah Hebrew School and Aaron Salsberg, Temple Sinai School.

Chairman of the 1991 National Bible Contest Committee, was Lewis J. E. Moses. Judges were Yehuda Lipsitz and Shoshana Kurtz and quizmasters were David Gamliel and Gary Levine.

The National Bible Contest committee included Nachum Wilchesky, Shlomo Shimon, Nurit Grossman, Moshe Michaeli, Aviezer Weiss and Harold Malitzky.

"Test of knowledge of history, customs"

Some of the winners in the 1991 National Bible Contest were (from left) Shlomo Kayustin, Ariel Rothstein, Michelle Gutkin and Anthony Daniels.

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Organizations and People

Complaint over Passover sign leads LCBO to re-think policy

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A complaint over a sign wishing Jewish customers a happy Passover has led the Liquor Control Board of Ontario to re-evaluate its policy on public displays of a religious nature, says an LCBO spokesman.

"Because we're a government monopoly, we can't favor one group over another. We'll be re-examining our whole policy," Chris Layton, the LCBO's media co-ordinator, told The CJN.

The matter began early last week when someone objected to a sign wishing Jewish patrons a happy Passover at the LCBO outlet on Yonge Street at Summerhill Avenue.

The manager of the store removed the sign, and when Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region learned of the matter, it raised an objection with LCBO officials, who advised the manager to put the sign back.

CJC said it was pleased at the outcome, and the affair was over, or so it seemed.

But late last week, the sign was again removed, leaving Congress officials baffled.

"The whole thing is absurd," David Satok, chairman of the region's community relations committee, told The CJN. "It looks like they panicked."

A meeting was scheduled to take place last Monday between Congress officials and LCBO chairman Andy Brandt to discuss the flap.

Layton confirmed that the sign was taken down the first time because of a complaint from someone who objected to it.

But he would not say whether it was removed for the second time because of another complaint.

He said the board's policy makers decided to remove the sign as part of an overall re-evaluation of signs signalling religious holidays or festivals.

He said that would include Christmas and Easter.

As a government monopoly, the LCBO is forbidden from advertising and it must tread carefully to please all sectors of society, Layton added.

Congress dismissed the board's explanation as a ruse, saying that signs wishing Jewish customers a happy Passover were, as of last week, still displayed in at least two other LCBO outlets.

Satok said he "can't see" how the board will stop promoting Christmas as a time to buy liquor.

David Satok

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Monsey rosh yeshiva Wein to deliver Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture

TORONTO —

Rabbi Berel Wein, rosh yeshiva in Monsey, New York, will deliver the annual Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture on Sunday, April 14, at 8:15 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The lecture is co-sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim, Mizrachi Organization of Canada and Toronto Jewish Congress. Rabbi Wein will be speaking on the Current Polarization and Future Unity of the Jewish People.

Rabbi Wein is a graduate of the Hebrew Theological College currently located in Skokie, Illinois. He received his rabbinic ordination from the institute in 1955. He is also a graduate of Roosevelt College of Chicago from which he received a Juris Doctor degree and from the Graduate School of Hebrew Theological College which granted him a D.H.L.

Rabbi Wein was a practicing lawyer in the city of Chicago from 1955 to 1964. In 1964 he assumed the pulpit of Beth Israel Congregation in Miami Beach and in 1972 he was appointed executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Organization of America. He assumed the position of rabbinic administrator of the Kahsrus Division of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America in 1972 and remained in that position until 1977.

Rabbi Wein founded Yeshiva Shaarei Torah of Rockland in 1977, which he currently heads.

He is also rabbi of Congregation Bais Torah of Suffern, New York.

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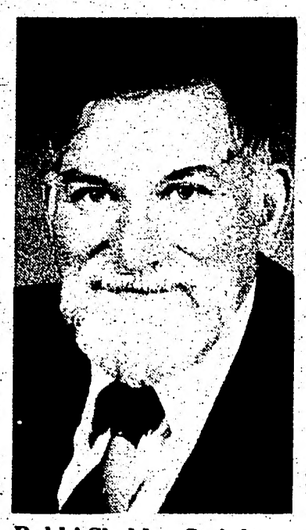
Jewish Women's Federation/UJA Women's Campaign

Ontario health bill seen restricting rabbis from pastoral counselling

By
RON CSILLAG



Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg

Evelyn Gigantes

TORONTO — Ontario rabbis should be worried about proposed legislation that may make it illegal for clergy to counsel people, says the president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of Ontario (AJCO).

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg warns that if passed, the package of bills, which received first reading in the Legislature last week, could punish rabbis for performing any kind of pastoral counselling.

The bills are aimed at regulating health professions in Ontario and protecting the public from health-care quacks and charlatans.

The legislation would create governing bodies and standards for 25 health care professions in Ontario and would regulate seven groups not currently regulated, including midwives, audiologists, dietitians, medical lab technologists, respiratory therapists and speech pathologists.

It would also increase lay representation on the governing councils of health professions.

But rabbis and other clergy fear the legislation will punish them for counselling congregants because it does not include clergy in the list of accepted mental health-care practitioners.

The maximum penalty for violating the act is a $25,000 fine or six months in jail.

The law's early draft contained two clauses that concerned rabbis.

The so-called harm clause would have made it illegal for anyone to "treat, offer to treat or advise" another person regarding "any human health condition," where the treatment would result in harm or risk of harm.

Harm included any increased physical or mental disease, disorder, dysfunction, injury, pain or death.

Another clause defined diagnosis, which only regulated practitioners could perform, as the communication to someone "of a conclusion identifying a disease, disorder or dysfunction."

In introducing the legislation, NDP Health Minister Evelyn Gigantes announced she would drop the harm clause but retain, virtually unchanged, the clause on diagnosis.

"That's still a problem for clergy," Rabbi Steinberg said. "We're often asked to help with a diagnosis."

The law, he explained, could punish a rabbi for consulting with doctors or families, and could leave him or her open to prosecution for simply answering a health-related question.

Rabbi Steinberg estimates that roughly half the Jewish population turns to a rabbi with a personal problem before consulting a mental health professional.

He and other members of AJCO will seek a meeting with Gigantes to voice the rabbinate's fears, he added.

So will an ad hoc committee of rabbis under the chairmanship of Lou Lenkinski, an officer of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Lenkinski told The CJN the diagnosis clause is "offensive" not only to rabbis but to social workers, therapists and school guidance counsellors.

At a press conference last week, Anglican Canon Bob Cuyler, representing an inter-church committee, said clergy will be deterred from carrying out their normal work of counselling congregants with personal problems if the bill passes in its current form.

But Gigantes told reporters the clergy's fears are unfounded.

She said the kind of counselling performed by clergy "is not within the framework" of the legislation.

"We're open to being convinced on the matter, but I now see no good reason to introduce changes," Gigantes said.

In any event, she added, clergy may make their concerns known when public hearings are held following the legislation's second reading, expected later this year.

Photographer Brenner to focus on Soviet Jews

TORONTO — The acclaimed photographer Frederic Brenner will be the featured guest at the upcoming Toronto Chapter of Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth evening program at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 15 at the McDonald Auditorium, McDonald's Place (corner of Wynford Drive and Concord Place).

Renowned for his photo-documentation of Jewish communities around the world, in particular lost or vanishing communities, photographer-anthropologist frederick Brenner will present a slide-talk entitled The Jews of the Soviet Republics: A Diaspora Within A Diaspora.

Born in Paris in 1959, Brenner received his B.A. in French Literature and his M.A. in anthropology from the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1984, he published Jerusalem, a photographic study of the city's Mea Shearim district, with an introduction by Marek Halter.

In 1988, with A.B. Yehoshua, he published Israel, an exploration in photographs and text of the country's physical and human landscapes.

For his work, Brenner has received three distinguished French prizes.

Over the past decade he has been involved, in association with Beth Hatefutsoth, in a global project to make a comprehensive photographic record of vanishing Jewish communities in the Diaspora which has taken him to countries as diverse as Morocco, India, Russia, Ethiopia and Portugal.

For the past six years, Brenner has been travelling throughout the Soviet Union with exclusive permission to photograph the Jewish communities in the different republics.

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Organizations and People

Recession affects JVS job centre

TORONTO —

Canada's worsening recession and rising unemployment are placing severe strains on the JVS Placement Centre.

"We're becoming backlogged to the point that waiting lists now extend to six weeks. Our staff still sees the same number of people — 40 to 45 per week — but it's becoming increasingly hard to keep up with current demands," says Kay Saunders, director of the Placement Centre.

Saunders says the centre has initiated group information sessions to speed up placement procedures. The sessions offer an overview of available services, tips on how to look for work more effectively, and an opportunity to register more quickly.

As the recession continues, the Placement Centre will have to cope with an even heavier workload. A large number of unemployed, qualified workers will be competing for fewer job openings. This will make finding work for Russian immigrants far more difficult, because they face the double disadvantage of language difficulty and no Canadian work experience.

"We need help from the community on two fronts. Volunteers from various industries and disciplines can help us find suitable employment for Soviet emigres. Volunteers can also act as mentors to help develop contacts and opportunities for Russian immigrants, and to prepare them to meet Canadian work place standards.

Here are tips Saunders recommends for job seekers:

- Dig a lot harder. "Finding employment is a numbers game. The more contacts you make, the greater are your chances of finding what you want."
- Always follow up on leads. "Never expect a prospective employer to get back to you. If you send out a resume and letter, follow it up within a week or two."

For further information call the JVS at (416) 787-1151.

Will replace portables in Thornhill

Associated plans to build new school

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Associated Hebrew Schools' long search for a site on which to build a new campus to replace the portables adjacent to the Promenade shopping centre in Thornhill has finally come to an end.

Associated has purchased a four-acre lot on the northwest corner of Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights Drive in Thornhill to erect a 100,000-square foot, $10 million elementary school that officials hope will be open by September, 1993.

Arthur Tanenbaum, Associated's executive director, told The CJN he hopes the sod turning for the building will take place before the end of this year.

"We're going to have a modern school, but one consistent with cost restraints," he said.

Associated is waiting for a green light from Toronto Jewish Congress to begin a public fund-raising campaign, he added.

The school system, one of the world's largest Jewish systems outside Israel, is searching for a benefactor for the new branch.

Choices narrowed

In the meantime, Tanenbaum said, school officials are looking for a project manager and have narrowed the choice of architects to two. Lou Greenbaum, vice-president of Vogue Development Group Inc., will serve as chairman of the building committee.

It has not yet been decided whether the new school will include junior high school grades 7 and 8, but it will serve students from nursery to Grade 6, Tanenbaum said.

Because the facility won't be ready for at least two years, Associated has asked the City of Vaughan for a two-year extension on the site of the portables, which was leased from the municipality.

When the new school opens, Associated will downscale its main Neptune campus, at 3630 Bathurst St. The branch will be put up for sale and will be rezoned for a senior citizens condominium and a separate, smaller building for the Neptune branch, Tanenbaum said.

As Toronto's Jewish population grows and pushes northward, Associated may have to open another branch in Richmond Hill within a decade, he commented.

Associated has 3,000 students from nursery to Grade 8.

The new site was located with help from TJC, which also scouted another lot at Atkinson and Campbell Avenue in Thornhill. But that location will be used to build campuses for two other schools, Leo Baeck Day School and Netivot Hatorah Day School.

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Wintrob fund seeking applicants

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Phillip Wintrob Torah Israel Study Scholarship fund.

The fund was established in memory of 17-year-old Phillip Wintrob by his parents Ralph and Kitty Wintrob and grandmother, Zelda Wintrob.

Phillip, who was killed in a car accident in 1987, was a popular student leader. He was active in NCSY and at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Several scholarships are awarded annually to students and advisors who are involved with NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, and who wish to spend a year in Israel, or to students whom upon returning from Israel wish to help NCSY.

Interested applicants must submit a minimum 500-word essay on "Why I want to learn in Israel," by May 1. The scholarships will be presented at the NCSY regional convention, to be held May 9 — 12, at Olympia Village.

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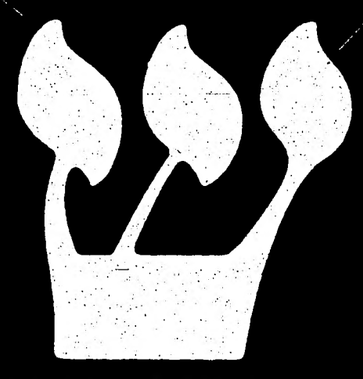

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (Thursday, April 11, is deadline for April 25 issue and Thursday, April 18 is deadline for May 2 issue). I am at my desk on those days to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, April 12

OUR YIDDISH HERITAGE

On Friday, April 12, Temple Sinai's Our Yiddish Heritage continues its tradition of happy programs filled with nostalgia and fun. Come and enjoy Yiddish songs by the choir, **Cantor Severin Weingort**, music director **Ben Steinberg**, special guests, and of course, the audience.

Services begin at 8:15 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., on Friday, April 12, at 2 p.m.

The program will feature semi-classical, Jewish and popular music.

Lola Julitta Burns

Sunday, April 14

WOMEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Adath Israel Congregation and Adath Israel Sisterhood invite the community to attend the annual Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture on Sunday, April 14, when **Rosalie Abella**, judge, professor, lawyer, author, currently chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission, Ontario Human Rights Commission, B'nai Brith Woman of the Year 1977, will speak on Women in the 21st Century.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. For further information, call 635-5340.

BOOKS OF JEWISH INTEREST

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, April 14, **Rabbi Bernard Baskin**, rabbi emeritus of Temple Anshe Sholom, will speak on Ten Recent Books of Jewish Interest.

Services begin at 9 a.m. with breakfast starting at 9:30. Everyone is welcome.

MEYER GASNER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Mizrachi Organization of Canada, and Toronto Jewish Congress are co-sponsoring the annual Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture taking place at Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Ave., on Sunday, April 14, at 8:15 p.m.

The featured lecturer, **Rabbi Berel Wein**, rosh yeshiva, Monsey, N.Y., will speak on Current Polarization and Future Unity of the Jewish People.

Admission is free.

Monday, April 15

ISSUES IN JEWISH LAW

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Adath Israel Congregations joint adult education series on the theme Issues in Jewish Law and Tradition begins Monday, April 15, at 8 p.m. when **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** will discuss Homosexuality.

The lecture will be held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Following the lecture, at 9:15 p.m., the Joy of Singing will be presented. Hebrew, Yiddish, English folk and liturgical selections will be presented by **Cantor Moti Zingboim**.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER, BBW

Nagillah Chapter, B'nai Brith Women — 40 Plus Singles, is holding a general meeting on Monday, April 15, at 7:45 p.m. sharp at the North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St.

The program will focus on Handwriting Analysis — Do you know the self you really are? with **Elaine Charal** of Positive Strokes. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is $2. For more information, contact **Tanny** at 787-8963 or **Rochelle** at 226-1648.

GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT

A meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians is set for Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information, call **Ruth** at 763-9111. Parents and/or other family members are assured strictest confidentiality.

ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVISTS

On Monday, April 15, a meeting at United Jewish Peoples Order, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., sponsored by Jews for a Just Peace, will feature two Israeli peace activists — **Michael Levin**, a member of Yesh Gvul (There is a Limit), currently on a North American tour, and **Meir Amur**, an Arab Jew and officer in the IDF, both of whom refused to serve in Lebanon in 1984.

The time is 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

OPERATION SHMIRAT HALASHON

Emunah Women is sponsoring a continuing shiur on the dinim (laws) of Shmirot Halashon, based on the work Chofetz Chaim (Guard Your Tongue).

Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, dean of Ohr Somayach, is conducting the program every other Monday morning from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the BAYT, Ohr Somayach Wing, 613 Clark St., Thornhill. The next gathering is April 15.

For information, phone 635-9847.

Tuesday, April 16

THE JEWS OF ONTARIO

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., the first annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lectures, a series of three lectures, will focus on The History of the Jews of Ontario. In the opening session on Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. **Edmond Lipsitz**, Canadian Jewish Congress regional director, will lecture on The History of Small Jewish Comunities in Ontario.

The community is cordially invited and admission is free.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Generation to Generation discussion group is presenting The Texture of Memory: Holocaust Memorials and Meanings with **Gerda Steintz-Frieberg** on Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

A tour of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto will follow the lecture.

For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

RAISING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

Shomrai Shaboth Sisterhood is featuring a lecture by psychologist and family counsellor **Stanley Shapiro** on the topic Maintaining Sanity in the Family: Developing Strategies for Raising Responsible Children.

The date is Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at 585 Glengrove Ave. W. All women are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is $3.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Lloyd Frances, former speaker of the House of Commons, will be speaking on Illegal Immigration at the Tuesday, April 16, meeting of the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto.

The meeting takes place at 2:30 p.m. in the Civic Ballroom, Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W.

Guest tickets are $5. For information, call the club office at 923-2900.

Wednesday, April 17

PRAYER & THE PRAYERBOOK

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations continue the joint adult education series on Prayer and the Prayerbook on Wednesday, April 17, when **Rabbi Sheldon Korn** will discuss Prayer and the Prayerbook—Its Meaning, Structure and Application.

This series is being held at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., at 8 p.m.

LUNCH & LEARN IN RETIREMENT

On Wednesday, April 17, the Lunch and Learn in Retirement group is featuring **Tony Ruprecht**, MPP, who will be speaking on Multiculturalism.

The group meets at noon at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided at no charge.

Everyone is welcome. For information or for a drive to the temple or to provide a lift, call **Tera** ar 789-3291.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, a brother, a sister, a spouse or a friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder such a anorexia or bulimia, do not wait! Come and join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group. It meets the third Wednesday of the month at Toronto City Hall Bay and Queen) at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17. The speaker **Tammy** will be discussing recovery from anorexia, personal experience.

Thursday, April 18

ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies is presenting a special evening lecture on Thursday, April 18, with **Shimon Samuels**, director of the European Office, Simon Wiesenthal Centre. His topic will be Anti-Semitism in a Europe Without Frontiers.

Dr. Samuels, who holds a BA from the Hebrew University, an MA from the London School of Economics and a PhD in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania and the Sorbonne, coordinates the Centre's social action activities in Europe.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For further information, call 864-9735.

MEMBERS RECOGNITION EVENING

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is holding a Members Recognition Evening on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

A light supper will be served and the evening promises to be lots of fun. RSVP by calling 633-5100.

DINNER

Community Services director Susan Jackson of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, chats with Maj.-Gen. Richard Rohmer at the recent Multicultural Dinner given by the Land Force Central Area, Canadian Forces Base Toronto. She attended the event along with CJC regional executive director Edmond Lipsitz. Among other guests were Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Akexander and the Associate Minister of National Defence Mary Collins. The dinner took place at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

And What Else Is New...

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

The Sam and Sarah Kerzner Holocaust Studies Institute of Beth Tzedec Congregation is presenting a Yom Hashoah Remembrance Weekend with historian/author/lecturer/radio commentator **Prof. Stephen Berk** Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

Services on Saturday morning begin at 9 a.m., with the lecture at 10 a.m. on the topic Lessons of the Holocaust. A noon lecture entitled East European Jewry — Then and Now will follow services. The Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday morning will focus on Resistance and Responses to the Holocaust. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m., lecture at 10 (nominal charge for breakfast).

The public is cordially invited. Admission is free.

LET'S LEARN HEBREW

The Canadian Zionist Federation's Let's Learn Hebrew series begins this week for 10 sessions.

Ulpan Ivrit, beginners, starts Monday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. Uplan Ivrit, intermediate, starts Monday, April 22, at 8 p.m., and Chug Ivrit, advanced, commences Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. All sessions are held at 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 203 (at Palm Dr.).

Registration is $100. For further information, call 398-6931.

TEA-TIME SHIUR

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill Women's Study Program's monthly Tea-Time Shiur takes place Wednesday, April 24, from 2-3:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave.

This month's program features a panel discussion touching on issues that are interesting and pertinent to the feelings and needs of today's woman. The topic is Halacha — Heads and Hair. Coupled with the discussion will be a display of the latest headgear for spring and summer. A lavish tea will be served.

The cost is $5. Babysitting is available at no extra cost. Please reserve by April 20 by calling **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730. Don't be left out, reserve in good time!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet monthly at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. (north of York Mills Road). The meetings will be held at 8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 24, and continue on the third Wednesday of each month following.

This is the only location of Alcoholics Anonymous in Toronto meeting in a synagogue or a Jewish organization. Those interested are asked to call **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at the synagogue office at 229-2600.

KOFFLER BALLET PROJECT

Twenty-six intermediate/advanced dancers, ages 15 and over, will be accepted by audition to work and dance under the direction of **Leonid Lubarsky**, official teacher of the Koffler Centre School of Dance's Ballet Project running July 1-Aug. 1.

If being a better dancer is your goal, invest your time this summer and participate in this exceptional learning experience. The first audition takes place Sunday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the main

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COMMITTED CANVASSERS

Within United Jewish Appeal circles, the residents of Baycrest Terrace are considered among the campaign's most committed and dynamic canvassers. Recently, Terrace UJA co-chairmen Moe Starr and Harry Rosenfield (second and third from left), with three of their team — Ada Ashrow, Carola Kahn and Bluma Szpeigel (commencing fourth left) — turned over proceeds from their most successful effort yet to UJA representative Reuven Rosenfelder. [Graphic Artists photo]

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studio of the school located at 4588 Bathurst St.

For further details, call 631-5659.

DIABETES RESEARCH PROGRAM

Mount Sinai Hospital's Diabetes Clinical Research Unit needs volunteers for a very important four-year study for the prevention or treatment of diabetes complications. Participants should be between 18 and 72-years-old, and have had diabetes for more than two years but less than 30 years.

This study is specifically geared to preventing or slowing down eye complications in people with diabetes. For more information, call **Anne** at 586-8778.

ARTSWEEK

Participants are now being solicited for ArtsWeek, Greater Toronto's nine-day festival of the arts, set for Sept. 21-29.

Since 1987, hundreds of members of the arts community (visual arts, writers/publishers, architects/designers, musicians, performing artists, media artists) have participated by hosting unique events throughout the Greater Toronto area. ArtsWeek events are free to the public.

The deadline for applications is May 31. To find out how you and/or your organization can get involved, phone or write to **Angela Lee,** ArtsWeek co-ordinator, Arts Foundation of Greater Toronto, 151 John St., Suite 402, Toronto, M5V 2T2. The phone number is 597-8223.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon on Saturday, April 20, features guest speaker **Irving Himel** whose topic will be The Future of the Jews of Canada. The luncheon takes place at noon following services.

Reservations (prepaid) must be made no later than Tuesday, April 16. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Phone the synagogue office at 781-3511.

LIFELONG LEARNING

A voluntary group of committed lifelong learners is exploring the possibility of establishing an Academic Institute of Lifelong Learning at the University of Toronto.

In order to determine interest, an organizational meeting is planned for May. If interested, contact **Donna Jones** at 978-6714.

CARE AND CONNECT

Care and connect as a volunteer visitor for a gentleman with special needs. See how you can make a difference as a volunteer at Jewish Family & Child Service.

Call **Joan Stevens**, co-ordinator of volunteer services, at 638-7800.

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT

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Classes are held at Earl Bales Community Centre Monday evenings. Classes are $5 each or prepay eight classes for $29. There is a reduced rate for seniors and students. Call 881-1445 to register. The next session begins with an introductory lesson on April 15.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, located at 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

The evening course runs July 4-Aug. 22 from 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew by Aug. 22.

The instructor for the the beginners course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto.

For consultation and registration, call Klinger at 787-0197.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs you to offer your time. If you enjoy working in a fast-paced office and learning new skills, then Baycrest wants to talk to you.

As a volunteer, you will be trained to answer the phone, file, use the computer and do reception work. For more information on how to become involved, call the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

DISCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS

Learn the fundamentals of researching your family tree. Join in the first annual Jewish Genealogy Workshop on Sunday, April 14, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Geared both to novices and experienced researchers, this workshop will cover such topics as How to Get Started, European, Russian and Holocaust research, Genealogical Resources in Toronto and Across Canada, and much more.

Stephen Speisman, archivist for the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region and author of The Jews of Toronto: A History to 1937, is the keynote speaker.

The cost is $20 at the door, $15 in advance, $10 for members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada. For further information and to register, phone 782-4313 today.

JEWISH CHORAL MUSIC

The Toronto Jewish Music Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, in celebration of Jewish Music Festival, is presenting An Evening of Jewish Choral Music on Sunday, April 14, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

The program will feature selections of Jewish liturgical, holiday, Israeli and thematic music sung by 11 choir, chorale and singing groups. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING

A Holocaust Memorial Evening will be held to mark the 48th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising on Sunday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

The program will include appropriate songs, readings and poems with participants from the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Secular Jewish Association and Morris Winchevsky School.

This event is co-sponsored by the Secular Jewish Association and the Toronto United Jewish People's Order. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

PNAI MEETING

The next meeting of Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Two videos will be shown. The first is a recent documentary from Israel and the second is on Sholom Aleichem. Guests are welcome.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Rabbi Marvin Pachino** from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) on Sunday, April 14. His topic will be Truth: Victim of the New Morality.

The time is 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Cost of breakfast and lecture is $5 per person.

JAY MILLER MADCAP ADVENTURES

On Sunday, April 14, **Jay Miller** becomes detective, tightrope walker, circus strongman, baseball pitcher, museum curator, storyteller and a host of other characters in a delightful one-man show presented at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) at 2 p.m.

Children join Jay on stage and everybody performs with Jay from their seats in a program that is both hilarious and poignant. It all adds up to a fun-filled and rewarding experience for family audiences.

This is for ages 3-10. Tickets are $6. Call 924-6211 (Mastercard/Visa accpted).

GRAND SOCIETY

The GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) will be meeting on Sunday, April 14, at 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Mario Bartroletti.**

The charge for non-members is $2. For information, call 469-5471 or 781-3343.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Centennial Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, will be holding an indoor garage sale on Sunday, April 14, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

It will be a "something for everyone" sale including comforters, gently used clothing, new clothing, jewelry, bric-a-brac, baby things and more. Sale hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to Council good works.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue continues its adult education series this spring beginning on Sunday, April 14, with **Selma Sage** speaking on Jewish Self-Hatred — Jewish stereotyping, business ethics, materialism. The charge is $3.

The next session, taking place Sunday, April 21, features **Rabbi Silverman** on the topic Cults, Drugs and Sex. Parents are encouraged to bring their teenage children along. There is a nominal charge.

Both events will be held at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

CERAMICS & PAINTING EXHIBIT

An exhibition of raku (ceramics) and painting by Israeli artist **Irit Lepkin** will be held on Sunday, April 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Department at Haifa Medical Centre (formerly the Rothschild Hospital).

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

A community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration marking Israel Independence Day, under the patronage of **Benjamin Abileah**, consul general of Israel, is set for Wednesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 18.

The celebration kicks off on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., with Israexpo, an exhibition of Israel's diversity, followed at 8:30 with the hit group, Hakol Over Habibi, and then Israeli dancing to the music of **Yossi**. Admission is $8 adults, $5 students and seniors.

The Thursday celebration, taking place at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., starts at 12:30 p.m. with a flag raising ceremony followed by an afternoon of special activities including seniors' luncheon, children's art exhibit, inter school crossword competition, Israeli food, choirs, folk dancing, book fair and more.

These events are organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation (Central region) in cooperation with B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Community Centre and Toronto Jewish Congress, and sponsored by synagogues, organizations and agencies from across the city.

For ticket information, call 633-3988.

INTERFAITH DINNER

The fifth annual Neighborhood Interfaith Dinner is taking place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue,

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UJA INSTALLATION

Shuli Selesnick (left) and Susan Gordin (right), outgoing chairmen, flank successors Robin Kachuck (second from left) and Edie Harlang during installation ceremonies for the UJA's Business and Professional Women's Network. A key fund raising division of the United Jewish Appeal, Women's B & P also serves as a forum for the exchange of professional, social and Jewish concerns, and provides programming for the more than 1,500 members in Toronto.

GALA BALL

Members of Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary recently spent a productive day addressing invitations to the spectacular 37th annual Gala Ball, which raises much-needed funds for the hospital. This year's event features renowned comedian David Brenner and will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at the Toronto Sheraton Centre. Pictured above are (from left) Jacquie Kolber, Gala co-chairman; Queenie Nayman, Auxiliary president; Renee Aceto, Gala co-chairman; Fran Binder, Auxiliary vice-president. For tickets, call 586-8290.

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1700 Bathurst St., on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Stanford Lucyk**, Royal York Road United Church.

Over the past years, the dinner has become a bond in cementing the growing ties among various faith groups in the area. In addition to sponsorship by seven neighborhood congregations, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto is a new sponsor this year.

Tickets are $30 each and are available through members of Beth Tzedec Men's Club, Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood or Beth Sholom Brotherhood, or by calling **Bill Gazer**, past president of Beth Tzedec Men's Club, at 789-0639.

PRAYER AND PARSHA CLASS

Beth Sholom Adult Education Prayer and Parsha class meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., to explore and to discuss the portion of the week and its implication for today.

This class also helps you to read correctly and understand the Shabbat morning service. The group is looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

For more information, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

KOFFLER SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART

Spring is here and the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art is offering a new session of part-time art classes including — Clay (potters wheel and handbuilding, raku, potters wheel, handbuilding, teen potters wheel), Drawing and Painting (drawing, painting, drawing and painting, watercolor (advanced), life drawing (no instructor), Sculpture (clay sculpture with a model, stone sculpture) and Children (Judaica through the creative arts, ceramics).

For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 269.

FIDDLER AT THE SYNAGOGUE

On Thursday, May 2, the Beth Tzedec Youth Department is presenting its gala production of *Fiddler*, based on the cherished musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. It is being presented at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the synagogue's Mezzanine Hall.

Come and be part of the story of the archtypical everyman, Tevye the diaryman, through his trials and tribulations. The performance will be followed by a reception. **John Kussner**, Beth Tzedec Youth co-ordinator, is the director and producer.

Tickets are $2 children, $3 adults. All proceeds will go to Operation Exodus. Tickets are available from the Congregational School office.

BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM

All women participating in the National Breast Screening Study (NBSS) between 1980 and 1987 in the Metropolitan Toronto area, who wish to be involved in the new Ontario Breast Screening Program, please call North York Women's Screening Centre at 512-0601 or Scarborough Women's Screening Centre at 298-2626 during regular business hours.

STUDENTS BOWLING FOR BAYCREST

About 30 students from Adath Israel Hebrew School will spare no effort in raising money to help patients at Baycrest Centre. The Grade 7 advanced class will be seeking sponsors for a five-pin bowlerama to be held on Sunday, April 28, at the Bathurst Bowlerama, 2788 Bathurst St.

Funds raised by the class will go towards a new succah for patients in Baycrest Hospital.

If anyone wishes to sponsor a young bowler, please contact the synagogue school office at 635-5354.

AUCTION

Brad Goldhar (left) and Howard Alter recently co-chaired From Russia With Love, a dance and silent auction sponsored by State of Israel Bonds New Leadership Division. The evening attracted over 400 "new leaders" and auctioned off over 60 prizes. The fun-filled event was designed to attract new members to an already vibrant and exciting division of Israel Bonds. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

at the JCC

Registration is now open for spring programs at the Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. These are offered through the fitness and recreation department, aquatics department, community and family service department, Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts, School of Music, School of Visual Art and the Leah Posluns Theatre School.

The JCC Seniors would like to invite you and your family to a luncheon honoring Israel's 43rd birthday on Thursday, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the JCC North Y. Tickets are $5.50 and are sold only in advance. Call **Elaine Botnick** at 636-1880.

An Israeli folk dance celebration for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, is set for Wednesday, April 17, at the JCC North Y in the main dance studio. Join in the festivities of this all-request evening. Admission is $4.25 (includes GST). For information, call **Teme Kernerman** or the dance office at 636-1880.

At the North Y Branch, the JCC Original Singles 50 Plus next dance is set for Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m. Cover charge is $6. Don't miss out! Call **Elaine Botnick** at 636-1880.

There's a lot of choice in just one place — Centre Camp at the North Y Branch. Register now by calling **Elaine** or **Karen** at 636-1880.

New 10-week sessions of Get Fit classes begin Tuesday, April 9 and/or Friday, April 12 at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. The cost is $45 for once a week or $85 for twice a week (plus GST). Join in for coffee, bagels and muffins after class. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 to register.

The NE Valley Branch offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program for ages 5-12 is now taking place. The two-week sessions begin July 2. The program offers tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Luni** for further information.

Join Twentysomething (24-35) Uptowners on Sunday, April 14, for brunch and a tour of the McMichael Canadian Collection. Meet at the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St., at 11 a.m. The cost is $16 (includes lunch and gallery). Register and payment by Thursday, April 11. Call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Connections (35-50) is celebrating Israel's Independence Day on Sunday, April 21, at 8 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Join in the singing, folk dancing and Israeli food. Guest singer is **Lenka Lichtenberg**. The cost is $12. For more information, call 889-0813.

On Sunday, April 28, Singles Network, in conjunction with Metro Toronto Singles, is raising funds for Magen David Adom at a wine tasting party featuring wine expert **Sol White** with music by Baroque Jazz, deejay, plus light bites. The time is 8 p.m. The cost is $18 (Chai). RSVP by calling **Luni** at 889-0813 or **Sid Dorfman** at 222-7111.

The Singles Network annual symposium is set for Sunday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. The program includes the keynote address, Getting What You Want, in the morning by a speaker from Mandel Newman Associates, lunch followed by workshops in the afternoon. The cost is $40. Payment and reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 24. Contact **Luni** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services, North Y Branch JCC has some interesting activities coming up — The Learning Experiences Program is presenting a session on Self-Defence for Seniors with instructor **Michael Hirschman** on Tuesday, April 16, at 1 p.m. in Room 221 of the JCC North Y, 4588 Bathurst St...A tulip time trip to Ottawa is arranged for May 7-9. Tour includes transportation, two nights at the Lord Elgin Hotel, four meals, boat cruise, Parliament Buildings, National Gallery, Museum of Civilization, IMAX film at Cineplus, all gratuities and cancellation insurance...Treat yourself to the acquired fine taste of a vacation in the Catskills at Homowack's Resort July 11-18. Savor a sun-filled great time doing all the things that make this resort so great — indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, jacuzzi, miniature golf, and much more. For further information about the program and trips, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, April 14, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Senior's Club is holding a dance with a live band on Sunday, April 14, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). The charge is $3 members, $4 guests...A movie will be screened on Wednesday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in the club house. This is free to members. Non-members charge is $1...A Mothers Day dinner and dance, for members only, is planned for Sunday, May 12, with a full course kosher dinner. The cost is $15 per person...Upcoming trips (for members only) include a Niagara Falls and winery tour on Tuesday, May 7 ($16 per person including picnic lunch), and a Buffalo shopping tour on Tuesday, May 28 with a full course kosher dinner at Buffalo's Jewish Community Centre...Ongoing activities in conjunction with North York Board of Education are bridge, fitness, line and ballroom dancing. Other activities offered are shuffleboard, woodwork crafts, walks in the park, dances Saturday evenings in the club house, rummycube. For further information, call the club office at 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holy Blossom Temple's **Lunch and Learn in Retirement** group holds afternoon rubber bridge every Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Partners are selected every week. Tea and coffee will be served. For information, call **Claire Sweet** at 489-9048.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — Everyone is welcome to attend the Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, celebration on Thursday, April 18, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the Assembly/Dining Room. The program features an introduction to Yom Ha'atzmaut and a musical performance by **Yitzhak Argaman** and **Mickey Lewin**. Admission is free to residents and members, $3 for guests. Register at the Wagman Centre office no later than Monday, April 15...A literary event featuring the Wagman Centre Creative Writing Group is set for Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Lounge. Come and enjoy the beautiful prose written by this talented group which is sponsored by the North York Continuing Education Department. The instructor is **Sofiah Friesen**. Coffee and muffins will be served at 10 a.m. with the presentation at 10:30. Admission is $1. Register at the office by Monday, April 15...The next eight-week session of 60 and Holding, a nutrition counselling and weight reduction program, starts on Wednesday, April 17, from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost is $30 Wagman Centre members, $40 non-members. For information and registration, phone 789-5131, ext. 2267...The Joy of Theatre group is arranging an evening at the opera featuring two operas from the Canadian Opera Company — Suor Angelica by Puccini and Pagliacci by Leoncavallo. The date is Wednesday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at O'Keefe Centre. The price is $16.50. Transportation will not be provided. For tickets, contact **Litzie Binder** at 921-5786 as soon as possible...A social afternoon is planned for Sunday, April 14, from 2:30-3:30 in the Common room...on Tuesday, April 16, **Lola Julitta Burns** and **Lilian Keltz** will present a musical program from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday eveing from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 799-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that there is still time to make your reservation for the Catskill trip to the glatt kosher Homowack Hotel (deluxe rooms), July 10-19. Also a three-week tour to Israel is planned for early November with five-star hotels, two meals daily, tours of Eilat, Haifa, Tiberius and much more...Tickets are going very quickly for the summer afternoon theatre outings — Artpark includes the musicals *South Pacific* on June 26, *Funny Girl* on July 25, and *Man of La Mancha* on Aug. 7, and Stratford outings include School for Wives on Sept. 19 and Carousel on Oct. 30...The program Coping With Life, offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education, will be held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. starting April 24. Ongoing activities continue. For information on trips, outings and programs, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 is having a movie nite on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. sharp, at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Come and celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with a new Israeli movie. The charge is $2.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

JWF PROGRAM

The Jewish Women's Federation program, The Challenge of Raising a Mensch, will take place Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Anne Golden and Dr. Saul Levine, seen above, are the keynote speakers.

A public affairs forum on Wednesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. will focus on The Canadian Economy — Who Controls It? Guest panelists will be **David Christofferson**, MPP, parliamentary assistant to the treasurer; **Michael Swenarchuk**, counsel at the Canadian Environment Law Association, and **Monte Kwinter**, MPP. Guest speaker will be **Prof. Neil Brooks**, Osgoode Hall Law School. This forum is free and open to the community.

The Centre is holding a Holocaust Remembrance service on Thursday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. with guest speaker **Paula Draper** of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering several courses in partnership with North York Board of Education. There is no fee for members or adults over 60 residing in Metro Toronto. The fee for non-members under 60 is $1.25 per instructional hour. The charge for non-members residing outside of Metro Toronto is $3.75 per instructional hour. For information on the following three courses, contact **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112 —

Society in Biblical Times, a 10-week course with **Selma Sage**, starts Tuesday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Book Club with group leader **Jim McDonald** is ongoing and runs on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. New members are welcome.

Creative Writing with **Sylvia Warsh** is held on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. New members are welcome.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre announces a Breast Self-Examination Clinic set for Wednesday, April 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. A public health nurse will answer questions and teach you how to examine yourself in total privacy. Films and teaching aids will be used. This program is co-sponsored by the Wellness Centre, the North York Public Health Department and the Canadian Cancer Society. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Club Etrog is holding a Yom Hazikaron ceremony (in remembrance of Israel's fallen soldiers) on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Program features guest speaker is **Jim Peterson**, MPP, along with **Cantor Chaim Winer** and **Col. Yaacov Erez**, ORT representative. This is open to the community and free of charge...On Wednesday, April 17, there's a Yom Ha'atzmaut dance with entertainer **Boris Naiman**, a full course dinner, dancing and prizes. The cost is $15 members, $17 non-members. For more information or tickets, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. A musical evening featuring **Michael Khinkis** is planned for April 11. This is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served...Friendship Circle invites you to come and join in a delightful evening highlighted by a performance of the TAP-ISTRY Dancers to take place Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members and includes refreshments.

The movie, *Unfaithfully Yours*, will be screened on Sunday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for members, $1 charge for non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on April 17 presents a musical program with **Jenny Prestman** and **Michael Khinkis.** The time is 1:30 p.m. The price is $2 members, $3 non-members. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

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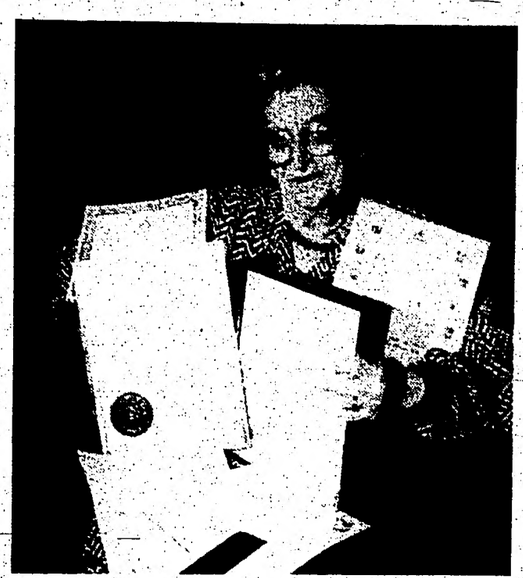


Dora Lavine

A 90TH BIRTHDAY

Dora Lavine, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 8, is shown with plaques and certificates received to mark the occasion from **Governor General Ray Hnatyshn, Premier Bob Rae, Leader of the Opposition Jean Chretien, Metro Chairman Allan Tonks, MPP Jim Peterson** and **North York Mayor Mel Lastman**.

A family party was hosted by her two sons, **Mauri** and **Leo**.

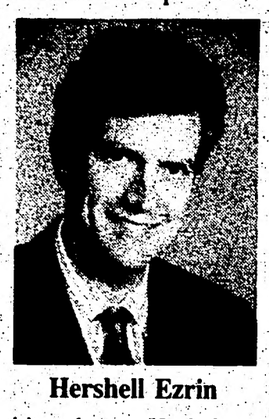
Born in 1901 in Russia, Mrs. Lavine came to Canada at the age of five and settled in Vancouver where she still has two older sisters, **Freda Vandt** and **Becky Harrison**.

Mrs. Lavine and her late husband **Sam** moved to Toronto in 1948. She started working at Simpsons wharehouse the following year and remained until her retirement at the age of 65 in 1966.

The family includes four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

TO HEAD J. B. SALSBERG TRIBUTE

It is often said, if you want a good job done ask a busy person. To be a senior vice-president of Molson's Brewery is not a position for an idle man. Yet, amidst all this, **Hershell Ezrin** finds the time to chair the **J. B. Salsberg** tribute dinner. His feelings for J. B. are best expressed when he said "for J. B. we have to go all out. No one deserves it more."



Hershell Ezrin

To list Ezrin's achievements and important posts would fill this column. He is best remembered as the deputy minister to **David Peterson**, former premier of Ontario. He sits on many boards and is very active in many community endeavors.

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Teaches youngsters love of dance

Children kick up heels at Rikudiyah

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — More than 400 dancers from Toronto and Montreal kicked up their heels at the 21st annual Rikudiyah '91 held recently at York University.

The purpose of the Rikudiyah, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto and the Jewish Board of Education, is to teach children a love of dance. "There is no selection of dancers and there is no audition. Anyone interested can join a dance group," said Teme Kernerman, festival director.

Kernerman, who has directed the festival since its inception explained that "Rikudiyah never has been, nor will it ever be, a competition. All dancers dance together, with their teachers right with them to help out. This is a performance without the pressure of a performance."

She added that the important thing is for children to have a good time. "It teaches them a love of the dancing and music that is such an important part of our heritage."

Kernerman said that the fact that all dancers dance the same dance but at their own level, helps ease the pressure of performance.

She said that because the theme of this year's festival was Ezeh Misibah or, a party, all dances chosen revolved around a party theme. Such Israeli dances as Yeledisco, Shir and Bo Venashir served to put both audience and participants in a party mood.

She said that to add variety some dances had all dancers perform the same chorus while doing their own interpretations of the rest of the dance. In another, the dance was identical while the chorus differed.

"As the eye roamed, one saw that the floor was choreographed, but in a loose way. The response was wonderful," she said.

Students from Shaar Shalom Hebrew School were among over 400 children who took part in Rikudiyah '91. [Ron Brass photo]

Kernerman said that to add to the festive mood, dancers were dressed in different colored T-shirts. "Until this year the program was in blue and white, Israel's colors, but we thought multi-colored shirts would really make the party. The sea of color and movement was really something fabulous."

Kernerman said that the festival, which began with 40 children in a small room at the Jewish Community Centre, has grown by leaps and bounds over the years.

Starting off with with 100 people, including the audience, in the small room. the program now has up to 1,500 people including dancers and audience.

Among the dance groups which took part in the festival were Associated Hebrew Schools (three branches), Beth Tikvah Congregational School, Bialik Hebrew Day School, Downtown Jewish Community School, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Leo Baeck Day School, Secular Jewish Association Sunday School, Shaareh Haim Hebrew School, Shaar Shalom Hebrew School, She'erim Hebrew Day School, Shorashim (Montreal), Temple Emanu-el, Temple Har Zion, Temple Sinai Religious School and United Synagogue Day School (Bayview and Bathurst campuses), and the Jerusalem Dancers, an adult dance group.

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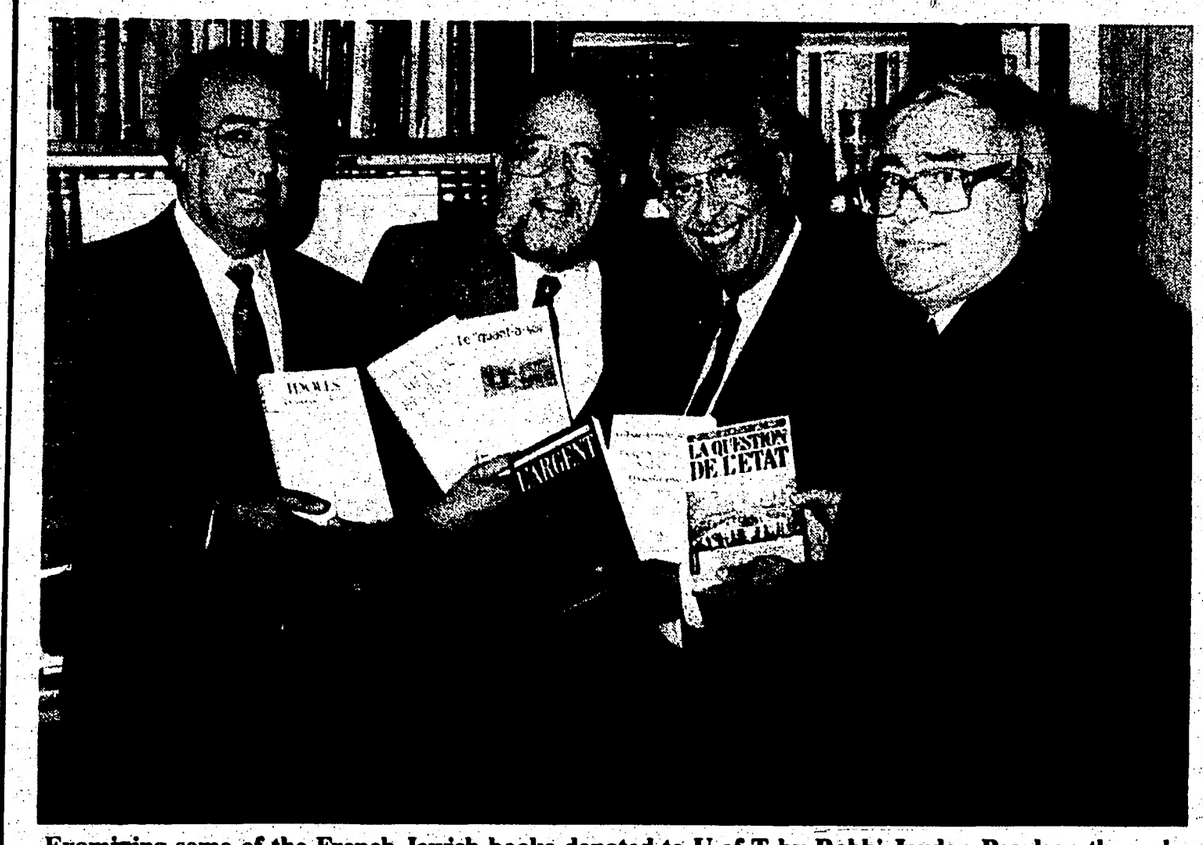

Examining some of the French Jewish books donated to U of T by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson through the Rabbi's Fund of Temple Sinai are (from left) Maurice Benzacar, past president of Canadian Sephardi Federation; Prof. Arthur Kruger, acting principal, University of Toronto Jewish Studies program; Rabbi Pearlson; and Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller, University of Toronto history department. [Alron photo]

French Jewish thought explored in university gift

TORONTO —

A bridge to modern French Jewish thought has been presented to the library of the University of Toronto by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson through the Rabbi's Fund of Temple Sinai, Toronto and with the assistance of Simone Meyohas and Eline Koffler of the Paris chapter of the French Friends of Ben Gurion University.

The gift includes a sampling of volumes from over 30 years of annual explorations into Jewish life and experience by the Francophonic Jewish Intellectual Collequium. Contributors and discussants range from the Orthodox chief rabbi to the best of non-religious secularists, from specialists in each field to the great philosopher - Talmudist, Emmanuel Levinas.

Each book reflects the sublety, range and depth of the best of French-Jewish thought on such topics as the State, Judaism and Money, Judaism and the Stranger, Judaism and Idols and Memory and History. Ashkenazi, Sephardi and North African perspectives are represented.

Prof. Jean Halperin of Geneva, Swtizerland, a distinguished scholar and diplomat and a World Jewish Congress associate of Rabbi Pearlson, has helped bring together the assemblies and edit the presentations at the Colloques des Intellectuels Juifs de Langue Francaise.

The volumes open doors for Canadian francophones who have a real need for authentic Jewish material in French and for those simply wishing to know more about the interaction between Jewish and French thought on key Jewish issues.

French speaking Sephardi Jews will now have access to some of the remarkable richness of the literature and to other committed Jewish minds for whom, like themselves, French is the language of the home.

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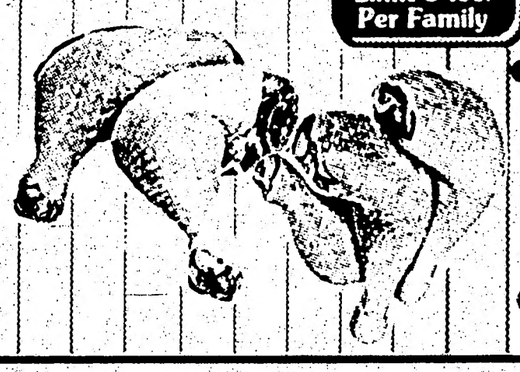

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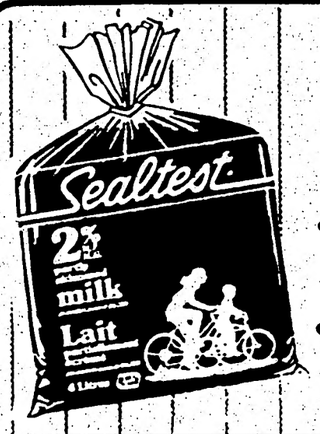

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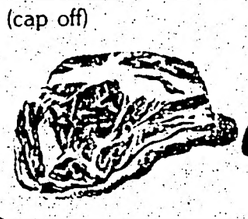

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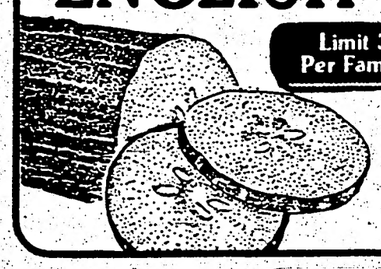

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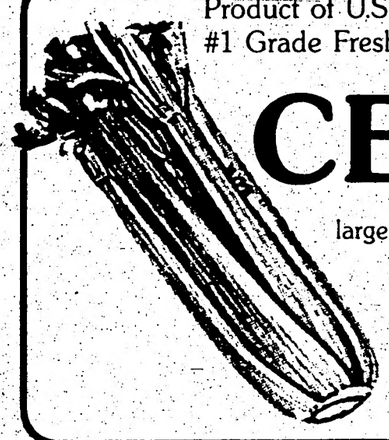

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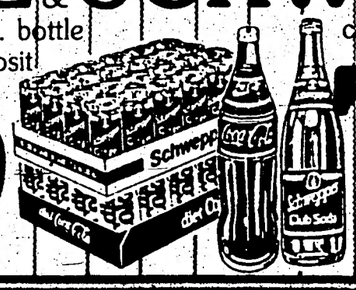

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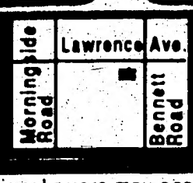

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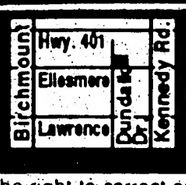

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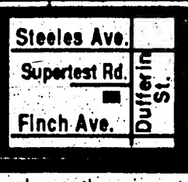

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Organizations and People

Hired as communications assistant

Soviet Jew heads to Winnipeg Jets

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Igor Kuperman has realized a lifelong dream to work in the National Hockey League. Two months ago, the Winnipeg Jets hired the 33-year-old Russian Jewish hockey journalist as a communications assistant.

His job is to keep track of Jet players' statistics, collect information and statistics on European prospects and write the occasional press release. His contract runs for two years.

Kuperman credits famed former Montreal goalie and author Ken Dryden whom he met at the Izvestia Tournament in his native Moscow in 1983. Kuperman later worked with Dryden on the Russian episodes of his television series *Home Game*.

Kuperman has been a hockey journalist for 15 years. He covered the defunct World Hockey Association and the NHL. Although there are no Jewish hockey players in the Soviet Union, there are a great many Jewish sports and hockey writers, he notes.

As with most hockey fans, his love affair with the game began when he was a kid. Until he reached university age, he would play street hockey three to four hours a day. "In hockey," he says, "everyone is equal. If you don't score from the slot, you will be blamed no matter what your nationality."

His journalistic career began in second year university when he sent a couple of sample stories to the Soviet Sport newspaper. He was invited to meet the editor of the hockey department, Dmitri Rushkoff (although he had to wait two months for the meeting). Rushkoff at first asked him to cover soccer or track and field (Kuperman was a sprinter) because there were too many hockey writers. Kuperman only wanted to write about hockey.

Enjoys being with team

Kuperman worked for Rushkoff at Sovietski Sport for 10 years. When Rushkoff moved to become editor of Sports-Games Magazine, he brought Kuperman with him as head of the hockey department.

As a journalist in the Soviet Union, Kuperman says, being Jewsh doesn't pose many problems. "It depends on what your personality is like and how knowledgeable you are," he says.

He enjoys being with the Jets, he says. He feels he is doing a "real" job rather than playing just a token role. He, his wife and 10-year-old daughter have been greeted warmly here and they have settled in a north Winnipeg apartment whose tenants include many other recent Russian Jewish arrivals.

Kuperman is in frequent contact with his parents in Moscow and is concerned about the political situation there and the risk of civil war. In the meantime, he is working on improving his English to the point where he can write as well in English as he can in Russian.

Jewish players face-off in Stanley Cup playoffs

By
HARLAN C. ABBEY

BUFFALO —

The Buffalo Sabres are going to meet, for the second year in a row, the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Which means that 66.6 per cent of the Jewish players in the National Hockey League will be taking part — the Sabres' left winger Mike Hartman, a native of Detroit, and the Canadiens' smooth defenceman Mathieu Schneider, from Woonsocket, RI.

The NHL's third Jewish player is Ron Stern of the Calgary Flames.

This is the first full season of NHL competition for Schneider, 21, 5-ft.-11 and 189 lbs. Although he missed nine games with injuries — typical for the Montreal team this season — Schneider scored at least one point in 23 of the first 64 games of the season, and had more than one point in seven games.

"It's been a tough year," Schneider said following a late season 3-2 loss in overtime in Buffalo. "We started the season playing around .500. We were struggling as a team, and myself as an individual.

"We had a great spurt after the All-Star break, then a lot of injuries, but now we're starting to play well again."

A year ago, when he was called up from the minor leagues in December, he confessed to being worried about being the only defenceman back with superstar Wayne Gretsky breaking loose.

"It really hasn't happened," he said. "We play a team defensive style and it's usually Guy Carbonneau, our centre and team captain, who shadows the other team's main scorer. That leaves the rest of us lots less to worry about."

Concerning the playoff series with the Sabres, whom Montreal eliminated last season, Schneider says, "I think we have the psychological edge on them. Buffalo can surprise you. They have lots of talent, and perhaps haven't lived up to expectations. But, if one of them gets hot. . . ."

Looking ahead to the Boston Bruins, whom his team probably would face next, Schneider said: "We lost to them in five games last year, but they were all great, close games.

"Our power play just couldn't score, but it's much stronger this year. With Denis Savard (obtained from Chicago for Chris Chelios, Montreal's best defenceman) it's gone from 21st in the league to 14th; that's a start.

"We just have to work harder at it in practice."

Schneider, who passed up college to play junior hockey at Cornwall, Ont., said he had no goals for the season as far as scoring points:

"If I play my best, they'll come, and if the team does well, then I'll do well."

During the off-season, he plans to complete one history course so he can obtain his high school diploma, and perhaps take another course in French.

"It's a tough language to learn," he admitted, "but playing in Montreal gives you the possibility of product endorsements and the fans appreciate it if you try to speak the language.

"They also are introducing a summer college program though the NHL Players Association, and I plan to take advantage of that, too."

Also busy with book work this summer will be Schneider's fiance, Erica Bralt, who is converting to Judaism.

As Montreal has fallen from its accustomed spot at the top of the Adams Division standings, Schneider has come in for his share of criticism.

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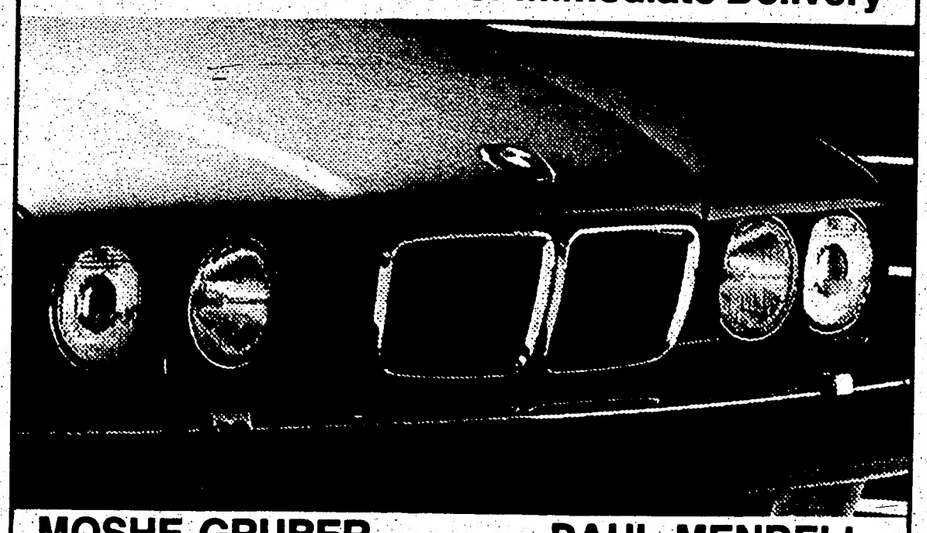

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Glazer leads hockey team to championship win

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Anytime a team allows only four goals in a five-game championship tournament, you know the defence is doing its job.

And when you shut out the opposition while collecting an assist in a 1-0 championship game win, you've got good reason to feel proud.

Downsview resident Jodi Glazer is feeling quite good about the hockey season just past and about how her team, the Toronto Aeros, peaked at just the right time to recently capture the women's Senior AA Hockey championships in Verdun, Que.

The Aeros played shutout hockey in both the final game and in the semi-final against Alberta to win the tourney.

The 1-0 final was not as close as the score might indicate, as Toronto outshot Sherbrooke by about 30 to eight.

It was Glazer's outlet pass, catching Sherbrooke on a line change, that helped set up the game's only goal, she recalled.

The win capped a strange season finale in which Toronto advanced to the nationals by narrowly winning the Ontario title. The Aeros were forced to replay that last 4:23 of the Ontario championship game after a successful appeal of a referee's penalty call by the losing side.

Instead of being crowned champs after regulation time, the Aeros had to return to the ice to kill a two-man disadvantage during which their opponents from Scarboro tied the game.

The contest went into triple overtime before they pulled the game out of the fire.

Glazer felt that was a turning point that sparked the team to play its defensive-oriented game in textbook fashion.

After that, they were unbeatable, she said.

For Glazer, 25, lacing up the skates is something she's been doing since she was eight years old.

A year later she began playing hockey, as did her brother and her father, Howard. In fact, it was her father, a coach, who taught her the fundamentals of the game.

Later he helped organize a two-team girls house league, called the Grand Ravine Athletic Association. Naturally, Jodi participated in that league, while attending Associated Hebrew Schools.

Team captain Judi Glazer holds up the Abby Hoffman trophy.

As she got older, she graduated to the North Metro Girls' Hockey League, where her father coached and served as president for two years.

While studying for a bachelor of arts degree at the University of Toronto, Glazer played for the school's Lady Blues hockey team, which won the Canadian university championship in 1984-85.

From there it was on to the six-team Central Ontario Women's Hockey League, which is geared to women aged 17 and up. Many of the participants in that league are graduates of university hockey, she said, as well as members of the Canadian women's team which won the world championship last year.

Glazer said she likes to play a stay-at-home style of defence, though in her younger years, she used to be a rushing defenceman.

These days she gets much more satisfaction from winning a 2-1 game than a high-scoring shootout, she said.

Besides her interest in hockey, she played intramural basketball for CHAT from grades 9 to 13, as well as other intramural sports.

"Every sport you can think of, I've tried," she said.

Though she's looking forward to hockey again next year, a bad back and knee problems worry her. Still, she is gratified that her team, playing a fast-skating, finesse brand of hockey, proved they were best in all the country.

Soldiers' group to hold dinner

TORONTO —

Israeli Brig.-Gen Rami Dotan, world leader of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel, will be the special guest at the Toronto branch's annual tribute dinner on Yom Ha'atzmaut, April 17.

Menachem Cziment, director of the Association for overseas development will also be in attendance. The dinner will be held at the Regal Constellation Hotel and is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

The Toronto branch has for the past several years, sponsored a summer camp for widows and orphans which the Association operated during the summer.

The Toronto branch has also played a role in providing the Association with the financial means to pursue its projects.

It has provided video projectors and large screen videos to the rest camps run by the Association. Club rooms have been furnished on bases and in army schools and gymnastic equipment has been provided to serveral bases.

The Toronto branch has funded the distribution of 100 TV sets and other recreational matter at the Israel Defence Forces company level. TV sets and VCRs are now being provided at brigade level. Over 2,000 radios and 2,000 flashlights have recently been shipped for distribution to the soliders.

The Association in Israel has now been asked to double the size of its hostel in Eilat which is too far from the centre of the country for soldiers to go home for a day or a night. The project will add 54 rooms, 216 beds to this hostel.

The Toronto branch has committed itself to provide 60 per cent of the cost over three years for the Eilat Home with a promise to help raise the balance of 40 per cent. This will be the largest participation by any community in a project by the Association in Israel.

Admission to the tribute dinner is $200. For further information call Norma Mamott at 783-9130.

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Dotan is no relation to former Israeli air force general Rami Dotan who was sentenced to 13 years in prison [CJN April 4].

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Organizations and People

Shaare Zedek to honor McDougall

TORONTO — Barbara McDougall, federal employment and immigration minister, will be honored at a special brunch on Sunday, May 5, sponsored by the Toronto Women's Division of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation in recognition of her strong and consistent support for the State of Israel.

McDougall has spoken effectively on behalf of Israel at the recent Canada-Israel Committee conference in Ottawa and the community rally held in Toronto at the outbreak of the Gulf War. She is considered a good friend by the Toronto Jewish community.

The brunch will be held at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder Street, Downsview, Ontario, at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Pediatric Department at the non-sectarian Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Barbara McDougall

McDougall was elected to Parliament Sept. 4, 1984, to represent the Toronto riding of St. Paul's. She was appointed to the Cabinet as Minister of State (Finance) on September 17, 1984. On June 30, 1986, Mrs. McDougall was appointed Minister of State (Privatization) and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, and, on August 19, 1986, Minister Responsible for Regulatory Affairs.

McDougall was appointed Minister of Employment and Immigration on March 31, 1988 and continued as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women until February 23, 1990.

Guest speaker will be Shira Herzog Bessin, national vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee and board member of several organizations in the Jewish and general community. Professionally, Herzog Bessin is vice-president of The Kahanoff Foundation, a private Canadian charitable foundation and its related investment companies.

Born in Jerusalem, she was educated at Hebrew University and at York University and has written several publications on the Arab-Israeli conflict and Canadian Middle East policy.

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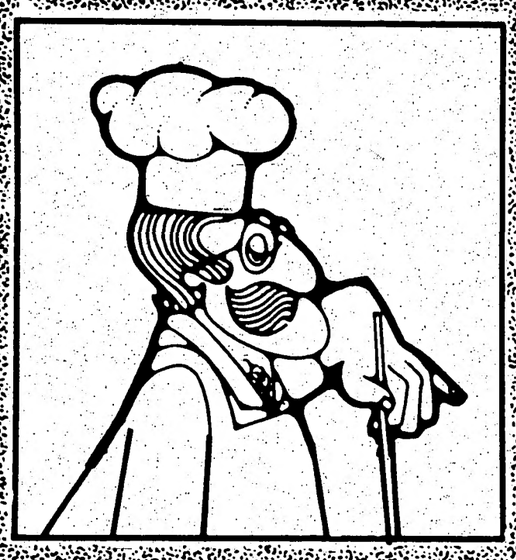

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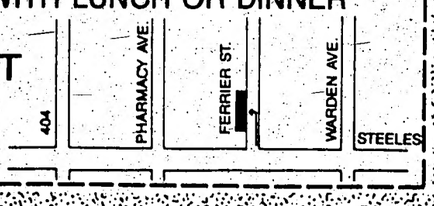

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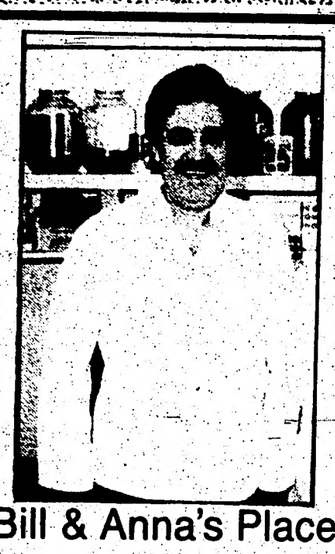

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Arts

Handel's Israel in Egypt performed

Maissner leads psalms of celebration in Pesach concert

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

In a clever bit of Passover programming, Holy Blossom Temple linked together a pot pourri of psalms of celebration with Handel's oratorio *Israel In Egypt*. The combination made for a satisfying musical evening.

For the oratorio, the forces of the Holy Blossom Temple singers were augmented by the University of Guelph choir and an excellent chamber orchestra conducted by Guelph's director Gerald Neufeld. Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner led the combined choirs in the psalm selections with an able Alison MacNeill at the piano.

Passover is about thanksgiving, and the concert began with six celebratory psalms representing a broad range of Jewish composers from various musical periods and nationalities. The earliest work was *Psalms 124* of Salamone Rossi, a Venetian Renaissance composer, with its stately motet quality reflecting church music of the time.

In contrast was the almost gospel-like joyousness of *Shepherd Me, Lord* by Americans Samuel Rosenbaum and Gershon Kingsley.

Canada was represented by Helen Greenberg's *Psalm 23* for soprano and choir.

Greenberg, while maintaining tonality and melody, also used modern rhythms and free-flowing cadences which gave a very contemporary feel to the music, although soloist Maureen Moore had difficulty rising above the thunderous sound of the choirs which filled every nook and cranny of the cavernous Temple sanctuary.

An unexpected surprise of the evening was the introduction to the work of Russian composer/arranger Yefim Adler who has recently made his home in Toronto. His version of Minkowsky's famous music to *Psalm 126* for the choir and his orchestration for instrumental accompaniment to Lewandowsky's 19th century classic *Psalm 150* demonstrated his abundance of musical talent.

As usual, Cantor Maissner led the disciplined choirs smartly through their paces. Particularly impressive was their ability to end each number cleanly. Equally noteworthy was the evenness of the sound given that the voices were from two different choirs. The flexibility of the singers allowed them to expressively negotiate through the contrasting hymns of thanksgiving.

The oratorio comprised the second half of the evening with the soloists coming from the Temple Singers with Maissner performing the tenor role. Although Renee Bouthot, Maureen Moore, Elizabeth Forster and Maissner executed the spirit of Handel, they were not necessarily up to the letter. Handelian vocal demands are fierce.

The three women sang adequately enough but Maissner's florid cantorial style was too heavy for the lightness of Handel's runs and reaches.

The best of the solo parts was the soprano duet *The Lord is My Strength and My Song*, while Forster's alto came the closest to the expected crystaline purity of tone needed for Handel.

Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner

Fortunately, Handel gives the soloists little to do in *Israel in Egypt*, leaving it up to chorus to declaim about the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea.

This oratorio contains some of Handel's most atmospheric music; in the score are the scratching sounds of the locusts, the murderous force of hailstones and the crashing chords of wind and waves.

The oppressed Israelites elicit dirge-like tones while the escape from bondage is suitably joyous.

Conductor Neufeld responded to some of these musical nuances but not all.

The soloists tended to sing on the dull side, while the choral parts that needed passionate attack such as the Israelite lament were not brought to their fullest potential. On the other hand, many moments of this rarely performed oratorio were quite beautifully executed, in particular, the Red Sea sequence.

Where Neufeld was successful was in bringing to light the clever orchestration. Given that the chamber orchestra was a pick-up one, the musicians played extremely well together.

If the oratorio as a whole was not up to the level of the first part of the program, it was still a decently executed piece of music, and gave the audience a chance to hear a rare live performance of Handel's *Israel in Egypt*.

There's no ghost of a chance to defend Brook's new work

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Life after death and life in the fast lane...

In upbeat Hollywood, death as a topic per se is usually shunned. But of late, viewers have been treated to the likes of *Ghost* (wherein a teary-eyed Demi Moore flirts with the ghostly apparition of Patrick Swayze) and of *Always* (in which the irrepressibly "dead" Richard Dreyfuss romances the vivacious Holly Hunter.)

In *Defending Your Life*, Albert Brooks takes a crack at afterlife. This is Brooks' baby. He wrote the script. He directed it. He stars in it. One of the finest Jewish comedians in movies today, Brooks even outshines his co-star, the inimitable Meryl Streep. By any yardstick, Brooks delivers a command performance.

Trouble is, *Defending Your Life* is second-rate comedy. The material is simply not up to par. The concept may be somewhat original, if not even daring, but in the execution it emerges as something of a clunker.

Last seen in *Broadcast News* as a contemplative TV reporter, Brooks is an affable but doomed salesman in *Defending Your Life*, now playing at Famous Players theatres.

In the film's opening moments, Brooks rushes away from a sales meeting. He's off to fetch his new BMW, today's status symbol on wheels. It's a shiny black convertible equipped with the best sound system money can buy. As he takes the car on a spin, he gropes for a compact disc on the floor. It's the mistake of his life. As he looks up in horror, an oncoming bus bears down on him.

When next seen, Brooks is in a wheelchair, wearing a white robe, looking glum and being wheeled down a long aisle by an indifferent attendant. He's in Judgment City, a squeaky-clean, super-efficient make-believe realm where the "dead" await their fate.

In Judgment City, everyone is judged on the basis of their past. If they pass muster in a trial reviewing their achievements and their foibles, they advance to a higher celestial state. If they fluff it, they return to earth as mere mortals.

Rip Torn plays Brooks' defence attorney, while Lee Grant portrays the prosecutor. Meryl Streep is a klutz who falls in love with Brooks.

There is nothing whatsoever wrong with their respective performances. Brooks balances sang-froid with hysteria. Torn and Grant positively revel in their roles. Streep is appealingly goofy.

But their wit can't salvage *Defending Your Life*, which, with one or two fleeting exceptions, drags uneasily. By no stretch of the imagination is this vintage Brooks. In Judgment City or anywhere else, it's eminently forgettable.

TRUE COLORS

True Colors is a taut commentary on naked ambition and ethnicity starring two of today's finest young actors, John Cusack and James Spader.

Cusack is Peter Burton, a dangerously ambitious law school dropout who will do anything to succeed in his chosen field, politics. If necessary, he'll lie, cheat, blackmail and betray.

Burton is cocky, but his bluster conceals a kind of self-hatred, an estrangement from his ethnic origin. He's Polish, but he doesn't admit to it until he's unmasked by his best friend, Tim Garrity (Spader) — the blond, blue-eyed scion of a respectable WASP family who's at ease with himself and whose well-honed social conscience impresses neither his fiance (Imogene Stubbs) nor Burton.

Herbert Ross' film, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is first and foremost a skillful dissection of untrammelled ambition as embodied in Burton. He's so ruthless and cold-blooded that he can safely be described as a Catholic rather than a Jewish Sammy Glick. So amoral is he that he thinks nothing of trying to blackmail his tough-as-nails father-in-law, a powerful Washington senator (Richard Winmark.)

The implication in *True Colors* is that swarthy ethnics like Burton and his cohort (a greedy, dishonest Italian-American developer portrayed by Mandy Patinkin) swindle the system, while honest, upstanding WASPS, such as Garrity, defend its integrity.

The slur, I'm confident, is unintended. But it does speak volumes. Are WASPS better than non-Anglo-Saxon Americans? In *True Colors*, it would seem so.

SNIPPETS...

The Sleazy Uncle is an Italian farce starring Vittorio Gassman as a lecherous old goat and Giancarlo Giannini as his proper nephew. Gassman is Luca, a minor poet who scandalizes nubile young women in movie theatres and who steals other men's mistresses. Giannini is Riccardo, the bourgeois businessman who's aghast at Luca's outrageous antics, but who gradually warms up to him.

The humor tends to be excessive and somewhat tiring. And why, one might ask, is director Franco Brusati humoring a sleazebag like Luca?

Painting, ceramics exhibit to assist Haifa hospital

TORONTO —

An exhibition of paintings and ceramics by artist Irit Lepkin will assist the Haifa Medical Centre.

Lepkin, who has taken a number of professional art courses in Toronto and Israel and has held a number of exhibitions in the Toronto area since 1984, will hold an exhibition on April 14 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Canada building, 15 Hove St.

Half the proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to the pediatric hematology oncology department at the Haifa Medical Centre.

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Hard to believe department: **Neil Simon's** comedy goldmine, *The Odd Couple*, will be celebrating its 26th birthday when the revival opens April 18 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst (636-2720). The original 1965 Broadway hit, about two extremely disparate bachelors rooming together, co-starred **Walter Matthau** as the sloppy Oscar and **Art Carney** as the fastidiously neat Felix.

Frank Rasky

The TV version won an Emmy Award for **Jack Klugman** who portrayed Oscar opposite **Tony Randall's** Felix when it ran for eight years on ABC network.

In the Posluns production, the slob will be depicted by Toronto comedian **Gerry Salsberg** (whose funniest role, I believe, was that of the amorous fishmonger in **Neil Simon's** *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers*). His tidy room mate will be played by **Nicholas Rice** (another local Jewish yokmeister who was so hilarious as both Jacob and Potiphar last year in the Posluns production of **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** musical *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*).

Niccolo Paganini, the 19th-century Italian violinist, used to brag, "I'm not handsome, but when women hear me play, they come crawling to my feet." **Natan Bondar**, the 43-year-old Israeli violin virtuoso, who emigrated to Toronto recently, doesn't pretend to be a lady-killer. But Tel Aviv music critics have proclaimed him "the 20th-century Paganini."

On April 11, Bondar will perform compositions by Paganini, as well as works by Bach and Prokofiev, at the Winter Garden Theatre, 189 Yonge (594-0755). His concert will raise funds for Canada's Osteoporosis Society for treatment of the crippling bone disease and the five-volume *World Encyclopedia of Contemporary Theatre* being edited by Toronto's **Don Rubin**.

Erica Goodman, daughter of the Toronto Symphony's former concert master **Hyman Goodman**, is a brilliant harpist who has had works created for her by Jewish Canadian composers the likes of **Oscar Morawetz, Milton Barnes** and **Srul Irving Glick**. On April 14, she'll co-star with oboist **Lawrence Cherney** in *River Of Fire*, a duet for harp and oboe written by Lawrence's brother, **Brian Cherney**, inspired by the medieval mysticism of the Hebrew Kaballa. It's part of the Sunday stage multimedia show, *Love, Magic And Mysticism*, that Chamber Concerts Canada will present at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre (973-4000).

My quote of the week comes from Russian cellist **Matislav Rostropovich**, who'll perform April 28 at Roy Thomson Hall (593-4828):

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Roth explores loving father-son bond

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Herman Roth, 86 and dying, never was an easy man to get along with. Retired at 63 from his work as a district manager of the Metropolitan Life insurance company, with more than 40 agents under his control, he never lost his blunt, bossy, irascible and tenacious manner. An outspoken perfectionist, unable to restrain his outraged feelings, he drove his wife, children and loved ones to distraction.

Yet, Roth, an ambitious and resilient child of immigrants possessed courage, charm, wit and persuasiveness. Endowed with the gift of total recall he was filled with copious recollections of his beloved Newark, New Jersey, through the years — especially the Jewish community.

Philip Roth, his famous son, watched with dread and anxiety as his once vigorous father battled with the ignomy and helplessness of old age and incurable disease.

This is not comic subject matter, but Roth's account filled with flashbacks of American Jewish life in the first half of the century is often touching and humorous.

In addition, around the irrepressible Herman are depicted a group of vivid and colorful Jewish characters: Lil, Herman's much-abused companion who can't buy a proper cantaloupe; Bill, his Florida roommate who hears old army tunes inside his teeth; and Walter, whose manuscript of his Auschwitz experiences turns out to be pornographic.

Not a religious person, but with a deep sense of his tradition and identity, Herman surreptitiously disposes of his tefillin (prayer boxes for weekday morning worship) by having them in his gym locker at the YMHA.

"Maybe it was just revealed to him in a flash, the knowledge that in that secret place were Jewish men stood unashamedly naked before one another, he could lay his tefillin to rest without worry; the understanding that where his tefillin would come to no harm, where they would not be profaned or desecrated, where they might even be resanctified."

After all, here is where elderly Jews kibitzed, told jokes and where once-upon-a-time they made their deals. In a sense this was their temple and where they expressed themselves most fully as Jews.

The word, patrimony, that Roth chose for his book's title, occurs only once in a powerful and dramatic episode. Proud Herman, ashamed of his inability to control his bodily functions, unsuccessfully attempts to clean up a mess at his son's home.

Roth writes, "I felt awful about his heroic, hapless struggle to cleanse himself before I had got up to the bathroom and about the shame of it, the disgrace he felt himself to be, and yet now that it was over and he was so deep in sleep, I thought I couldn't have asked anything more for myself before he died . . .

"So that was the patrimony. And not because cleaning it up was symbolic of something else but because it wasn't, because it was nothing less or more than the lived reality that it was."

Patrimony is an honestly-felt, moving, straight-forward account of a son's loving concern at his fathers decline and death. It is Roth's ability to translate his pain and self discovery into universal emotions that make this a satisfying exploration of a relationship — not between just one father and son — but of that unique, ambivalent bond between all fathers and sons.

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Although he was only nine, Paul Lungen still remembers his mother forcing him to wear his good suit (actually his only suit) and tie to his cousin's wedding in Israel. He was dressed better than the bridegroom — "I was probably the only one in the entire country that day wearing a suit."

Miriam Herman recalled her mother's 80th birthday party at the Jewish Home for the Aged. For too brief a time on that evening, it was as if they were transported back to an earlier time when she was the image of her younger, vivacious self. "Mother knew something was happening ... it was a precious memory that has helped us through these years without her."

These are moments to be treasured forever. Moments that anyone can call upon in troubled times to brighten the human spirit and condition. Recalling these moments — dramatic, romantic or humorous — can prompt tears of joy or a Cheshire grin.

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Arts

Controversial play Masada set for Theatre Centre

Jews' 3,000-year history condensed to 75 minutes

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Arthur Milner knows in advance that some people in the audience will get hot under the collar, sufficiently enraged to want to throttle him, when they see his controversial play.

On the other hand, some will feel enlightened, ready to pat him on the back for condensing the 3,000-year history of the Jews so lucidly in his 75-minute play performed by a single actor.

No matter whether they're Jewish or not, theatregoers are bound to find it provocative when Toronto's Mixed Company Theatre launches Milner's one-man play *Masada* on April 12 for a run until April 28 at the Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen St. W., at Ossington Ave. (538-0988).

Milner expects a strong mixed reaction, because that's how *Masada* was received last winter when initially presented by the Great Canadian Theatre Company in Ottawa, where Milner works as resident playwright.

"I am outraged, "fumed one Jewish patron, "by this outpouring of hatred and venom."

Other Jews, as well as Arabs from Ottawa's Palestinian community, were amazed by Milner's even-handed objectivity, and some said they were surprised to learn how much Jews and Arabs had in common.

Milner concedes he boiled down the original 90-minute play to its present 75 minutes after listening to criticisms in Ottawa that he was guilty of over-simplyfying, over-emphasizing, distorting, and getting some numbers wrong.

But he insists that his re-write does not attempt to prettify history. "I first set out trying to fill gaps in my own knowledge of Jewish history," he says. "But after three visits to Israel, and reading an immense number of scholarly books, I did enough research over the past four years to write a PhD thesis on the subject."

Nevertheless, he understands why Jews are so touchy when confronted with challenging questions about Jewish-Arabic relations. "As a race, we tend to feel invulnerable, in the belief that God will help His chosen people. Or else, we've undergone so much painful persecution over the centuries that we resist, now that Israel has gained some power, having to negotiate or compromise in our dealings with Arabs."

Playwright Arthur Milner

Certainly, Milner himself can not be accused of being unsympathetic toward his fellow Jews. The 40-year-old, Frankfurt-born intellectual is a child of the Holocaust. With the exception of his Polish refugee parents, Ben and Rose Milner, who fled to Montreal, all of his relatives perished in Hitler's gas ovens.

Milner, a graduate in English literature from Carleton University, switched from acting to writing socially relevant plays in Ottawa.

His past works have tackled such issues as Central America (*Sandinista — Zero Hour*), the homeless (*Learning To Live With Personal Growth*) and municipal politics (*The City*). His most popular play, *Cheap Thrill*, dealt with poverty — about a woman who takes as hostages two men in a restaurant, one an MP and the other a real estate investor.

Why did Milner choose that most difficult of stage formats — a one-person play — to narrate the epic story of the Jews? "Because, to handle such an enormous theme, you need either a cast of 100 or a cast of one gifted actor."

His narrator, hired by the Toronto Jewish director Simon Malbogat, is Gary Reineke, the prize-winning non-Jewish stage and film virtuoso. Reineke portrays an Israeli historian who delivers a lecture at the Jewish community centre of an unnamed Canadian city.

The play takes its *Masada* title from the some 1,000 Jewish Zealots trapped in the historic Israel mountain fortress, who commit suicide en masse rather than be enslaved by the army of the Roman Empire.

The episode is used as a metaphor to illustrate Milner's basic theme that fanaticism — whether by Jews or Arabs — is no long-term solution to warfare.

Milner makes his point by citing historic quotations from extremists on both sides. Most tragic perhaps was the slogan allegedly attributed to Theodor Herzl, the founding father of political Zionism, which blindly ignored the existence of Arabs: "Palestine is a land without people for a people without land."

During the run of *Masada*, there will be post-performance discussions held each Tuesday and Thursday. Milner, who is a supporter of direct negotiations with the PLO, will encourage theatregoers to answer tough questions like this one:

"Isn't there a danger that an eye-for-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth terrorism will lead all occupants in the Middle East to another Masada mass suicide?"

Kernerman strives to remove barriers

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Breaking down barriers in human communications is a goal towards which Toronto artist Edith Kernerman has always strived.

Kernerman, whose first public showing will open on April 11 and run through to April 19 at Artstage, 140 Doncaster Ave., Unit 11, says that her work, "mostly about people's relationships with each other, often deals with distance and how these people tackle their differences, if indeed they tackle them at all."

All the pieces in the show are drawings, whether they are mixed media on canvas, ink on plexiglass, charcoal on paper, or mixed media sculpture. The work is devoid of any color. "The absence of color is a conscious decision to simplify the emotional and physical realities of spatial relationships. The use of tones confronts the contrasts in our lives while black and white represent the most extreme contrasts in our world," says Kernerman.

Kernerman, 26, who studied art in London, England and Toronto says that her work is very much about boundaries. "My work deals with human perceptions of distances be they self-imposed or naturally occurring. Regretfully, society has difficulty allowing people to grow, regardless of changes in their character or in their environment."

A major piece in mixed media is a series of nine panels drawn in acrylic, ink, gouache, chalk pastel and oil pastel, each upon which has a human figure in a different position.

She says that the boundaries she sees in her work are both the boundaries we put on ourselves as well as the boundaries that are on us. "As Jews, we create boundaries that other non-Jews cannot pass through. I'm not talking assimilation, but a certain kind of communication would be wonderful. We are blocking out a part of the world that could enrich us and there are parts of the world that we could greatly enrich. As a community we are not allowing this to happen."

In another piece, a wooden sculpture is home to two small bronze figures, one at the top of the sculpture, and one at the bottom. The fact that the two figures cannot meet, echoes her sentiments about the lack of communication in the world.

She stresses however, that rather than being pessimistic, she finds her work to be quite optimistic. "I am working on trying to solve these problems."

The show, which opens on Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., runs through to Friday, April 19, with gallery hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Artstage at 882-8278.

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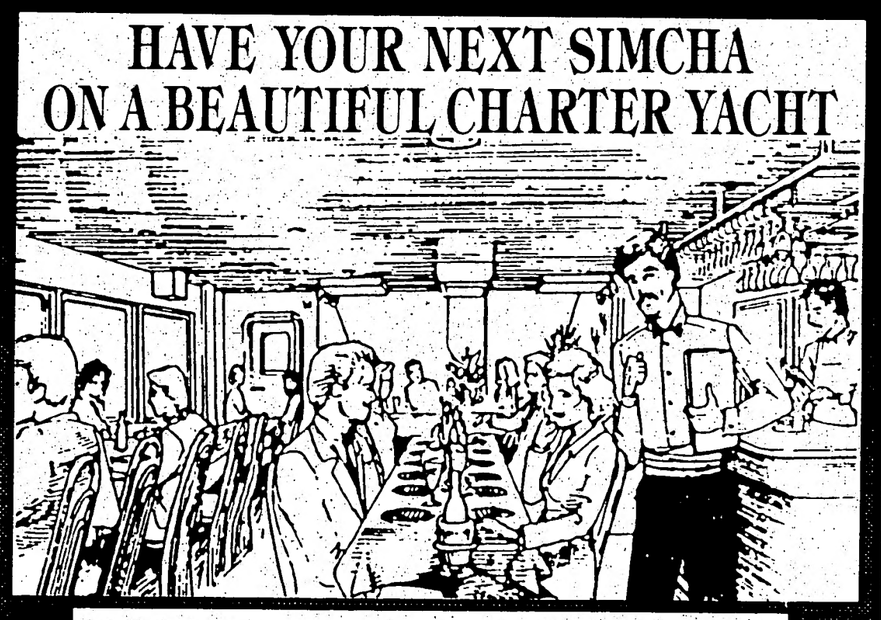

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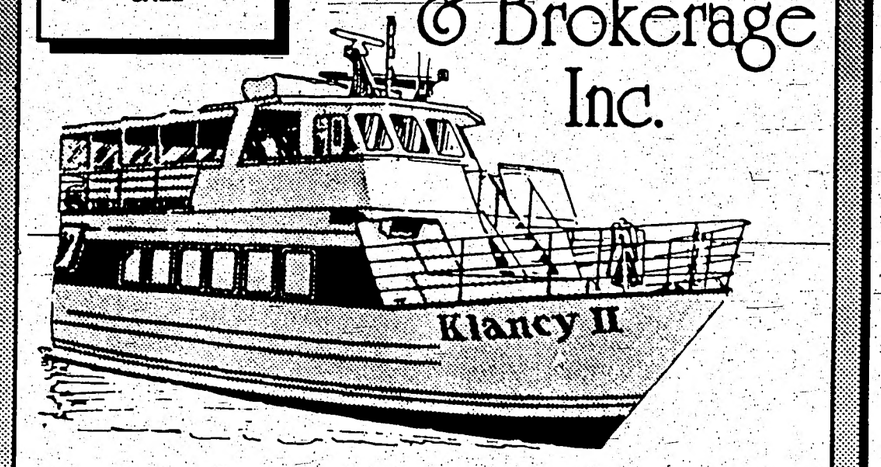

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Vittadini springs into tropical colors

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

What kind of a clothing collection could one expect from a Hungarian-born designer who married an Italian but considers herself an American?

The answer to this question can be found at the Adrienne Vittadini Boutique located in Hazelton Lanes.

Adrienne Vittadini creates comfortable apparel. (M-J Crete photo)

The Vittadini spring/summer line was shown recently by Victoria Barredo, manager and buyer for the Toronto showroom.

"The line includes update styles from the '60s — she has applied her own interpretations to the clothing from that period," Barredo said.

This fact was illustrated by the models who paraded through the store in cool sleeveless shifts, sequinned tops and mini tunics.

The materials used in the collection utilized some rayon that has been used for draping, but for the most part, Vittadini favored the natural fibres such as silk and linen.

The colors are electrifying and tropical. Some garments combined vibrant shades of mango, pimento, fuchsia, lime and turquoise to create the geometric shapes and bizarre patterns that were so popular in the '60s.

Style-wise, Barredo said the collection featured the elongated jacket, long sweaters worn over matching or contrasting leggings and a lot of layering to take the customer from the office into the evening.

"Essentially, the pieces are plain — not overly embellished. They appeal to both teens and older women because the styles are smooth and wearable. The bold colors and clean lines are appealing to many people."

Barredo explained that the original collection Vittadini started 13 years ago was founded in knitwear. Today, the designer's name is still associated with print sweaters. There is a co-ordinating hand-knitted sweater that accompanies each ensemble.

Barredo has been with the Toronto boutique since it opened in May 1990. She said the Vittadini collection has a well-known reputation and a concentrated consumer base.

Comfort and simple styling was the key influence in the collection. Skirts, both mini and above knee were teamed with the longer jackets, flowing blouses and sweaters.

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Fashion

Trade event a celebration of style

By
WENDY ROSEN
and
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The Toronto Ready-to-Wear Collections was a celebration of perseverance and style.

Numerous bankruptcies over the winter coupled with the cancellation of Toronto's two major spring trade events — Manstyle and the Canadian Festival of Fashion — made designers and retailers ready for an event. And an event — in a Sutton Place Hotel ballroom — it was.

The first Collections were sponsored by Designers Ontario, The City of Toronto Fashion Industry Liaison Committee, The Municipality of metropolitan Toronto, the Ontario Ministry of Industry, trade and Technology, The Toronto Centre for the Promotion of Fashion Design, The Wool Bureau of Canada and Rose E. Dee International.

The standing-room-only crowd was hungry to see new styles for fall, which would draw customers into showrooms.

Two of the key details for fall common to all designers are buttons and pockets. Buttons are big, small, jewelled, matching or contrasting. Pockets are patch, slash (either horizontal or vertical) or flap.

As well, zippers are being utilized for closure and ornamentation.

Perhaps designers were reflecting the times, but colors tend to be more sombre. Black was prominent — either by itself or used in plaids and checks — as were clay, olive, khaki and brown. When color was used, it tended to be bright — red, blue and green.

Wool crepe was one of the more popular fabrics, but rich velvet, wool boucle and knits also had their time on the runway.

Skirts were pleated, flared or fitted but virtually all were about three inches above the knee.

Jackets were shown in various styles and lengths including cropped, bolero, double-breasted, single-breasted, with and without collars, with or without lapels, fitted or loosely structured.

Pants and leggings were above or at the ankle. They ranged from tight to loose. Some shorts were shown with jackets.

Comrags, the team comprised of Judy Cornish and Joyce Gunhouse, kicked off the day's events in truly Canadian style — lumberjack plaid coating teamed with pants and skirts. In fact, plaid in black and white, fuschia and black, and black and brown were prominent in their first scene.

Lida Baday showed how effective color blocking can be. One three-button (big and brassy) jacket featured check sleeves, collar and front while the back was solid black. The skirt was solid black in front and check in back.

Her evening wear segments were classy and sassy. Velvet and long fringes were used as accents.

Designers Ontario president Brian Bailey crafted a pink check suit that featured velvet detailing on the pockets and collar.

Black was prominent in Bailey's collection but it was never just basic. A black-and-white check suit featured black piping and red trim.

Four young designers presented their work next.

James Yunker's menswear featured loose-fitting cuffed pants with unstructured jackets (all had several pockets) in navy and stone.

Ran Ghoman showed a variety of wool knits including a grouping of the same coatdress in yellow, purple and olive. All featured pleats at the yolk, a round neck and five big black buttons for contrast.

Faith Robinson presented a line of evening wear including a figure hugging red silk dress with red buttons and belt that had a constrasting large gold buckle. A black dress cut on the diagonal had one sleeveless and strapless side. The bodice on the side was jewel trimmed.

Liz Lant presented a number of ensembles which harkoned back to the '60s — bell bottom jumpsuits, halter tops and chain belts. One black jumpsuit was worn with a white T-shirt and flared black jacket.

Comfort and creativity were emphasized by seasoned designers Edie Johne and Marilyn Brooks.

In her office-to-evening collection, Johne featured the scuba dress done in shades called cinnamon, pine green and redwood. These wool crepe dresses skim the body rather than hug it which makes the design wearable by less-than-perfect figures.

Brooks presented a smorgasbord of styles to suit a wide cross-section of people. From the bronzini trapeze dress worn over print tights to a burgundy and fuchsia knit kimono over a print cowl-necked dress to a trendy tri-color wool dress, the outfits were a hit. Brooks used colors such as evergreen, cinnamon, warm rose, eggplant, berry and honey to spice up the garments.

Mera Angus, designer of Amera, was in splendid form with her colorful office outfits. Using a color panel for detailing, Angus presented wool crepe classics in hunter green, bronze and black accented with patches of amethyst, cherry and a dash of mustard.

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Brian Bailey created this green print suit with matching coat. Large buttons enhance the outfit.

Marilyn Brooks used color blocking effectively as these dresses show.

Amera offered this red-and-black wool crepe dress that featured button detailing. (M-J Crete photos)

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Rhonda Maternity featured black-and-white prints. (M-J Crete photos)

Apparel for all women

BBW sponsors annual show

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto stepped lively into spring at their annual fund-raising fashion show held recently at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

Black and white are still dominant as styles by Chez Pierre showed.

An above the-knee, off-the-shoulder white dress with a bow at each shoulder is simple enough to wear to an afternoon function, yet elegant enough for an evening wedding or bar mitzvah.

A two-piece black-and-white suit features a blouson top and scalloped skirt. It, too, can be worn to either an afternoon or evening simcha.

Sequins and beads are important, especially in formal wear. An ankle-length dress with a gold spaghetti-strap top and black skirt is accented with sequins in a flower design on the bodice and a sequined bottom.

Another ankle-length black dress with a mock turtleneck and cut-out back has sheer sleeves that shimmer with tiny beads.

Bridal gowns are also accented with sequins and beads, but not so many that they detract from the lines of the gowns. Any bride would like to walk down the aisle in a sheer white gown with short puffy sleeves and a tight bodice that flows into a full skirt accented with white-on-white flowers and beads.

Also popular with brides is a full, floor-length gown with short puffy sleeves, scalloped neck and beaded waistline.

Sophisticated knee-length dresses predominate the styles shown by Rhonda Maternity. A navy double-breasted dress trimmed with gold buttons or a skirt and jacket in taupe with brown buttons can take a mother-to-be from the office to an evening out.

Sailor dresses are important this season for little girls going to any type of party. Minimi showed a navy-and-white sailor dress with gold buttons and a red-and-white, two-piece sailor suit.

Short sleeved, mid-length, bright floral dresses are always a favorite for girls going to their first evening function.

For those itching for summer, Beachwear Unlimited gave a preview of what sunbathers can look forward to seeing. Black-and-white is also important in beachwear. A black-and-white one-piece suit with black-and-white bows along the back straps was a hit as was a shoulderless black suit with hot pink flounce at the skirt.

Trade gathering celebrates style

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Three crowd pleasers from Ann Ciona's collection were a gold lace dress with hemline pleating, an emerald satin suit with fuchsia contrast and a black wool crepe tuxedo suit with an ankle length skirt.

Liday Baday teams a boucle jacket and pleated short skirt.

The finale of the evening was the showing of the fall 1991 New Labels. Included in the lineup were D'Arcy Moses, Anneta Price, Amelia Stangl, Cheshyr, Mags Kandis, Lynn Roberts, Teresa Novaes, Lina Cheung, Manushka, Faith Robinson, Patrizia Abballe and Kingi Carpenter for Peach Berserk.

Moses emphasized the environmental theme in his collection in an outfit which featured a two-tone swing coat in navy and red. Contrasting color detailing formed the shape of the sun. These jackets were teamed with both long and short skirts.

Stangl presented her tailored suit for women on the go. Done in mix-and-match colors and styles, the clothing featured interesting necklines.

Mags Kandis's knitwear featured a court jester look for which she is known. Included in the line were minis and bulky sweaters.

Novaes offered the crowd classic blazers worn with a narrow pant.

Notable also was Abballe's evening wear collection which featured pieces in black chiffon with a gold textured design.

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Museum exhibit looks at Lower East Side merchants

NEW YORK —

Beginning April 12, and running through Jan. 5, 1992 the Lower East Side Tenement Museum will present a new exhibition, Meddling With Peddling: The Pushcart Wars, a look at both historical and contemporary aspects of street peddling and merchants on the Lower East Side.

Using photographs, illustrations, cartoons, letters and artifacts, Meddling With Peddling recounts the battle waged between the City of New York and the pushcart peddlers of the Lower East Side.

Peddling has always existed in New York — as early as the 18th century, vendors selling all types of foods and goods worked with little or no regulation.

By the turn of the 20th century, with the area's population growing so rapidly, many newly-arrived immigrants took up the trade as peddling did not require training, full command of the English language nor large amounts of capital to start.

Push-carts viewed as unfair competition

As more and more peddlers appeared, so did graft and corruption. Shopkeepers viewed the pushcarts as unfair competition, siding with the City in attempts to regulate and finally rid the Lower East Side of them.

During the La Guardia administration, indoor markets were created and street peddling was prohibited. Many peddlers were forced to go on relief and real estate values declined as Orchard Street lost its pre-eminence as the "street of bargains."

Meddling With Peddling concludes with photographs of today's street peddlers, once again mostly newly arrived immigrants trying to earn a living. The public remains eager for bargains and City officials still complain.

The battle goes on. In the words of Museum curator, Anita Jacobson: "It is compelling how similar the issues are and that the solutions to the problems are as elusive now as they were 50 to 100 years ago."

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum is the nation's first living history museum devoted to the urban immigrant experience. Through an ongoing series of exhibitions, walking tours, dramas and publications, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective of a variety of immigrant experiences.

Its goal is the purchase and restoration of 97 Orchard St., a unique pre-"old law" tenement erected in 1863 but not lived in since 1935.

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 10 to 3. Closed Monday and Saturday. Free admission. The Museum's current exhibit, One Third of a Nation: The W.P.A. Photographs of Arnold Eagle will remain on view.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Keren Hayesod alive and well after 70 years

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

As Keren Hayesod (United Israel Appeal) celebrates its 70th year, the massive influx of Soviet immigrants into Israel has emphasized the institution's vital role in building the Jewish nation.

Fund raising in the Diaspora has always been Keren Hayesod's primary function, leaving the organization vulnerable to criticism that it is more interested in sending money to Israel than people.

Shlomo Hillel, world chairman of Keren Hayesod and former Knesset speaker, stresses that Keren Hayesod is also a conduit for expressing Zionist support and identification with Israel and that such activities inevitably lead to increased aliya.

In some of the 45 countries around the world where Keren Hayesod is active, the appeal is sometimes the only contact a Jewish community has with Israel. Through the distribution of informational material and study missions to Israel, Zionist awareness and love of Israel are enhanced.

Founded in London in 1920 as the financial instrument of the Zionist Movement, the organization's headquarters were transferred to Jerusalem in 1938. Its funds were instrumental in helping build Israel's national infrastructure and developing agriculture and industry.

Since the founding of the State 43 years ago, funds raised by Keren Hayesod have been transferred through the Jewish Agency to support immigration and absorption, Youth Aliyah, rural settlement, urban renewal and educational projects. These funds have facilitated the absorption of nearly two million new immigrants, helped establish 800 rural settlements, cared for some 300,000 children in Youth Aliyah villages and transformed dozens of disadvantaged neighborhoods through Project Renewal.

But Keren Hayesod's ability to raise funds has become more difficult over the years, despite the affluence of Diaspora Jewry. Part of the problem can be found in Chaim Weizmann's initial declaration that Keren Hayesod should be "no casual charity. The exceptional effort which is called for must take the form of self-taxation."

Consequently, rival fund-raising organizations flourished at Keren Hayesod's expense, because donations could be earmarked for specific projects rather than anonymously into a massive fund. Moreover, in many countries where Keren Hayesod is active, as much as half of the income raised remains in that country for Jewish cultural and educational facilities. This deters donors who want all their money to go to Israel.

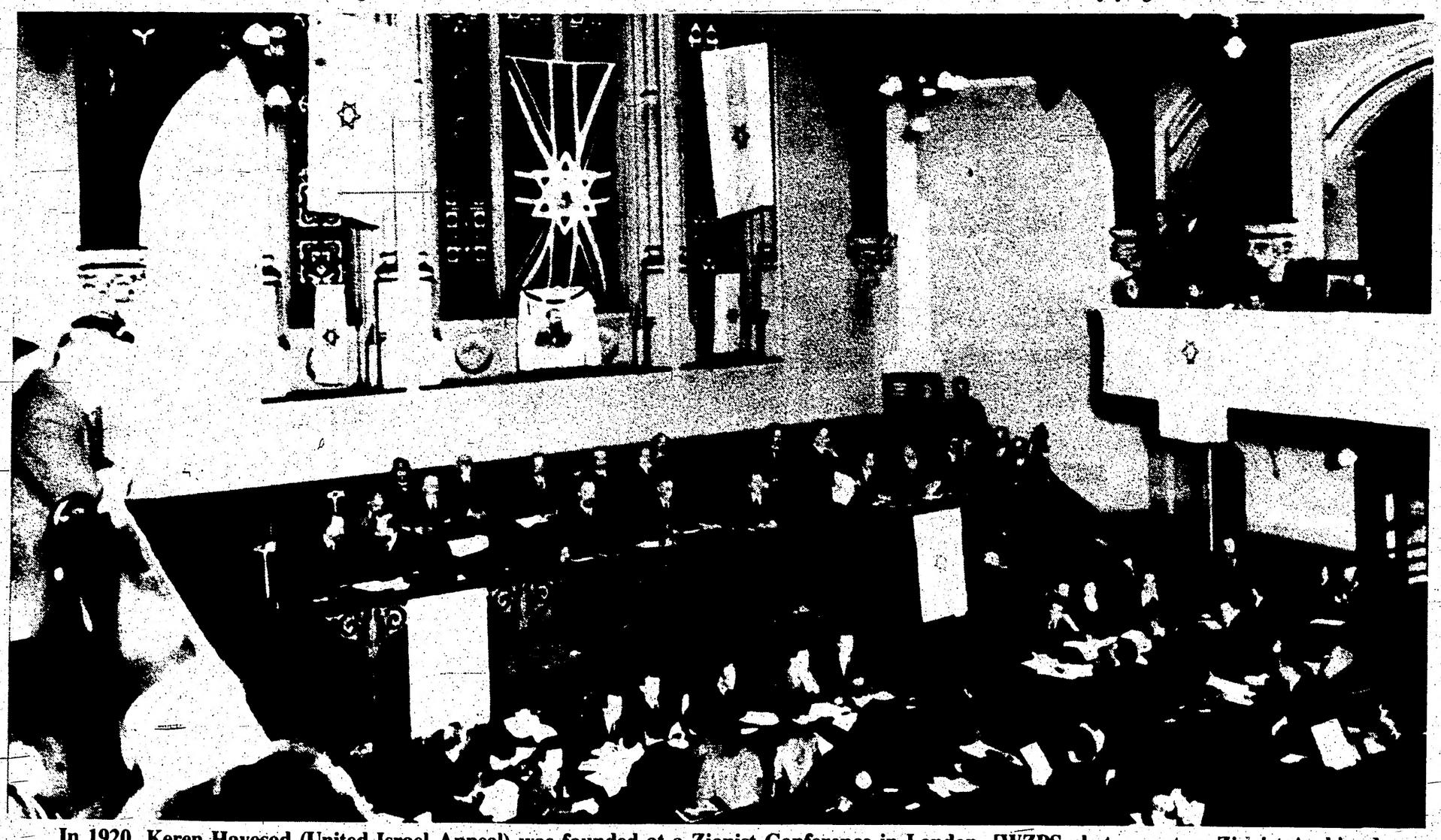
These problems were partly overcome during the 1980s by devising programs by which contributors could specify where their donations would go.

The current wave of new immigrants is a severe test for Keren Hayesod's fund-raising abilities. With an estimated 200,000 newcomers arriving in Israel this year, Keren Hayesod's donors around the world are being asked to double their regular annual contributions from $70 million to $140 million.

Growing affluence in Israel itself makes Diaspora Jewry more reluctant to make financial sacrifices. Declining Jewish awareness also has an adverse effect on fund raising.

But Keren Hayesod fund raisers say contributions are surpassing all expectations. Phil Granovsky, chairman of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal in Canada, reported that donations pledged are above and beyond their target figure.

Keren Hayesod at 70, it would seem, is alive and well and enjoying a new lease on life.



In 1920, Keren Hayesod (United Israel Appeal) was founded at a Zionist Conference in London. [WZPS photo courtesy Zionist Archives]

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Russian-language theatre said to help olim adjust

By DEBORAH LIPSON

JERUSALEM (WPZS) — Why should there be Russian-language theatre in Israel today?

The audience and the actors are here, says Evgeny Arie, one of Moscow's most innovative theatre directors before his emigration to Israel last November.

"Anyone over the age of 25 who arrives in Israel from the Soviet Union will always prefer theatre in Russian to Theatre in Hebrew."

He says that Russian-language theatre will not help create a ghetto of Soviet Jews in Israel, but it will help that segment of the population move towards Israeli culture.

He voiced hope that his new company, Gesher (Hebrew for bridge), will plan an important role in this move, while he is also sure that it will attract veteran immigrants from the Soviet Union to its performances.

The idea for Gesher was born in the Soviet Union, before the actors, director, producer, stage hands, costume designers and musicians even arrived in Israel. A group of actors from various theatres, primarily in Moscow, who were all planning to emigrate to Israel, began to work together on the idea of creating a professional theatre company to perform plays in Russian in Israel.

While no rehearsals were held before emigrating, the actors studied Hebrew together, and many say they hope they will be able to make the transition from acting in the Russian language to performing in Hebrew. In this they have models, including Mark Khasman, who arrived from the Soviet Union in the 1970s, and is today one of Beersheba Theater's leading actors.

Arie, together with Gesher director Slava Maltsev, who immigrated to Israel from Moscow last October, prepared a proposal which reinforces Arie's objective.

Natalia Voitylevich, Igor Voitylevich, Evgenya Dodina and Vladimir Zimonenko (left to right) are members of the Gesher theatre company. [WZPS photo]

"We aim to turn our theatre into a home to which people enjoy coming, a home where the old familiar culture is preserved whilst the new one is being acquired; a home where both Russian and Hebrew can be heard.

"We hope to travel the path of integration into Israeli society together with our audience. Together we will try to understand the culture, language and customs of our homeland."

With initial funding from the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum, the umbrella group of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel, Gesher has rented a small office and rehearsal facilities in Tel Aviv. Gesher has held an initial series of performances of extracts from various plays which it hopes to perform in full in the future.

In Tel Aviv, the performances were held at the Habima Theater, Israel's national theatre company, which has also been supportive of the project. Gesher still does not have a permanent home, but is continuing to search for suitable premises, with an auditorium of no more than 400, the size Maltsev says is most suitable for serious theatre.

Since Jan. 1, the theatre has been supported financially by the ministries of Immigrant Absorption and Education and Culture, together with the Jewish Agency and the Tel Aviv Fund. While the company is to be based in Tel Aviv, it will spend a considerable amount of time travelling around the country.

As a repertory theatre company, it will perform six nights a week, and plans to hold 10 performances every month in Tel Aviv, with five in Jerusalem, Beersheba and Haifa. Gesher already employs 26 people, including 10 actors, but Arie hopes that by next year that number will have risen to 40.

Additional actors will be brought in for specific productions. Funding is assured for 1991, and both Arie and Maltsev remain optimistic that it will continue.

The theatre hopes that between 35 and 40 per cent of its income will be from ticket sales, which, Maltsev notes, is about average for a serious repertory theatre company.

"No company can exist without funding," he said.

He hopes that new immigrants will be able to buy tickets for about NIS 10 ($5 U.S.), while others will pay twice that. New arrivals may be able to buy even cheaper tickets if, as he hopes, the municipalities further subsidize Gesher's performances in their towns.

The theatre was scheduled to begin its regular performances last month with two plays, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* by Tom Stoppard, and *Dreyfus* by Jean-Claude Grumberg, a play about an amateur Yiddish theatrical troupe in a Polish shtetl in the 1930s rehearsing a play about the notorious trial of French officer Alfred Dreyfus tried for treason in 1895.

Gesher is but one of the Russian-language theatre companies currently being established in Israel, as a result of the flood of immigrants from the Soviet Union.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Morale strong during fighting after UN decision

By
VICTOR PERRY

JERUSALEM —
Disaster, defeat and destruction rained down on the Yishuv in Palestine in terrible succession.

Two weeks after the United Nations partition decision (Nov. 29, 1947), a total of 80 Jews had been killed and 50 wounded in various incidents. By the beginning of May 1948, shortly before the state was declared, a total of 1,250 Jews and almost double that number of Arabs had died. The highest proportion of losses occurred in Jerusalem.

The news was almost all bad.

On Dec. 31, Mount Scopus, housing the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital, was cut off. On Jan. 16 an entire unit of 35 Jewish fighters was wiped out in an ambush while on their way to relieve the besieged settlers in Gush Etzion, south of Jerusalem. On Feb. 1, Arabs, with the help of British dissident soldiers, bombed the Jerusalem Post, the Yishuv's only daily paper in English. Several persons were killed and dozens wounded. Three weeks later, in a similarly "co-operative" venture, a vehicle loaded with explosives blew up in the heart of Jewish Jerusalem on Ben Yehuda Street, killing 52 persons and wounding 123.

These disasters were followed in quick succession by the bombing of the Jewish Agency building in the heart of Jerusalem and the ambush of a convoy to the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, in which 76 doctors, nurses and medics were killed while the British stood by.

On April 20 the last convoy of food and supplies reached Jerusalem before the city was cut off for two and a half months. Then on May 13, two days before David Ben-Gurion declared statehood, the Etzion bloc of settlements fell with most of its defenders killed.

To crown the calamities, the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem fell two weeks later on May 28. And 340 people — some wounded — were taken prisoner by Jordan's Arab Legion.

Several people who lived and fought through that period said morale never fell.

* * *

Menachem Margaliot, who fought in all the battles as an officer in the Jerusalem Brigade, said:

"I always believed that we could beat the Arabs.

"When we heard of such catastrophes as the 35 boys killed on their way to relieve Gush Etzion, the hurt was terrible. On such occasions we would all curse and demand that 'something drastic' be done, but never, not for a moment did we think of conceding or not fighting on. No one ever shirked or refused to fight . . ."

During the Second World War, while fighting with the British army in Greece, Margaliot was captured by the Germans and kept prisoner for three years.

When the call came to fight for Jerusalem, he did not hesitate. He arrived there on April 20, 1948 with the last convoy before the siege set in. He took over command of a platoon of yeshiva students and continued to fight until the armistice in February 1949.

"I was so busy fighting and preparing for battle, that I didn't have time to think of anything else, including my morale. I didn't even know that the state was declared until several days after the event."

There were two combat battalions in Jerusalem, with no more than 1,000 fighting men, plus another 2,000 to 3,000 Mishmar Ha'am troops comprising older civil defence units and partially trained militia.

Dov Joseph, head of the emergency committee which ruled the city during the fighting, said Jerusalem contained 99,300 Jews, 33,700 Muslims and 31,300 Christians. Most of the latter were Arabs.

During the battle for Government House, the former headquarters of the British High Commissioner, Margaliot's company commander was killed and he took over. When he called for supporting mortar fire, it landed on his own positions. After this incident, he asked for more training.

Margaliot's wife, Hadassah, a fourth-generation Jerusalemite, served in an intelligence unit. Her main task was to put out dispatches on enemy positions based mainly on reports from scouts and lookouts.

"We lived in a sort of euphoria in those days," she says. "We went from day to day with no fear of the future. There was a sort of quiet courage all around us."

The Margaliots were married in a military ceremony after the siege was lifted but while the fighting was still going on.

Margaliot's sister, Adina, survived what was probably the most desperate battle of the war, the fight for the Jewish Quarter in the Old City. On April 2, 1948, she managed to get into the Old City as a volunteer teacher and worker on her sixth attempt. She had waited with her suitcase three times a week, for two weeks, outside the Jewish Agency building to catch the British-escorted bus into the besieged Jewish quarter.

Why had she, a young woman of 27, decided to volunteer for one of the most dangerous spots in the Jerusalem battle front?

"There was a special atmosphere at that time. Everyone wanted to contribute their share. In the Old City, I thought I could do something useful."

After teaching school for several weeks and doing odd jobs, she soon found herself in the thick of the fighting, which broke out the minute the British left the Old City on May 13.

When the Misgav Ladach hospital was overrun by Arabs, she helped move 119 wounded to the basement of the Batei Machseh building. All the operating room equipment was lost along the way, she recalled.

Fighters who she had seen days before full of life, energy and courage lay helpless and dying before her eyes. When the surrender came on May 28, she helped transfer the wounded by stretchers to the nearby Armenian convent.

Her spirit fell for the first time, she said, after it was all over. "When I saw the Arab Legion taking the wounded I had cared for into captivity, it was the first time I cried in the two months I was there."

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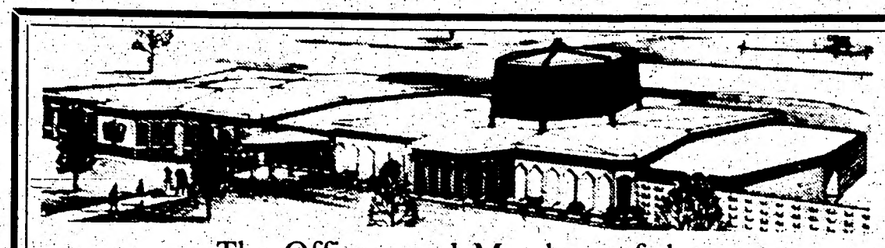
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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Diamonds can be used to create dazzling jewelry.

A gem of a career

Life sparkles for diamond polisher

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Lev Leviev contends that Israel's diamond industry can absorb 3,000 immigrants over the next few years just as it absorbed him two decades ago.

It is doubtful, however, that any of them will be able to repeat his rags-to-riches saga.

In 1971, when his family came to Israel from the town of Tashkent in Soviet Central Asia, they had to start at the bottom.

After a year's study at a yeshiva (Talmudical Academy), Leviev chose to work as an apprentice diamond polisher. While he didn't know anything about the trade, it had long fascinated him because diamonds were the only tangible asset that Jews could take with them, albeit illegally, when they left the Soviet Union.

It soon became clear to Leviev that he couldn't get ahead simply by polishing diamonds. Therefore, after completing three years of military service, he took some loans and set himself up as a subcontractor.

Those working for him as polishers were — like Leviev himself — young Russian immigrants.

He never looked back. Both shrewd and lucky, Leviev had hundreds of employees by the mid-80s. Indeed, in 1986, one of his companies was singled out by the government as an outstanding exporter after it chalked up overseas sales totalling $23-million (U.S.). This year, as things look now, the figure should be six times larger.

Russian immigrants no longer make up Leviev's entire labor force, though they are still in the majority and he has hired 40 more of them in the last six months. Few have any experience as diamond polishers, but, Leviev notes, immigrants from the U.S.S.R. are diligent and learn quickly.

His ability to hire more Russians depends on the economic success of Israel's diamond industry, now the world's largest. Despite fierce competition from India, Thailand and the Soviet Union, Israel exported $2.4-billion (U.S.) worth of gems during the first 10 months of 1990, an increase of some five per cent over its sales to overseas customers during the same period last year.

Generally speaking, Israeli companies do not try to compete directly with poor countries in Asia, which have more or less cornered the market for low-quality, low-cost stones. Instead, they concentrate on the middle range of diamonds, leaving the Russians to dominate the market for high-quality gems, which demand a great deal of work and cost a lot to buy.

Local firms, Leviev says, have two important advantages over their competitors.

First of all, their employees — benefiting from the wealth of knowhow built here over the years — can polish difficult diamonds with a minimum of waste.

Secondly, those employees have better equipment and working conditions than are generally found elsewhere. In sharp contrast to places like India, for example, they are housed in well-lighted, air-conditioned halls, and supervise the polishing of a dozen gems at a time by special machines.

Now, in many cases, lasers are used to do the job. To be sure, every laser costs many thousands of dollars, but, Leviev says, the investment ultimately pays off.

Knowing how prominent Jews have always been in the diamond trade, this writer asked him whether the owners of Israeli firms get preferential treatment from their co-religionists in other countries, particularly at a time when diamond industry jobs were needed for the Russian immigrants pouring into Israel.

"Not at all. There are no sentiments in this field. We've just got to be better than our competitors."

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Soviet olim may help Israel score Olympic gold

By
DANNY BEN-TAL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— No Israeli sportsman has ever won an Olympic medal. But all that might change at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games as the present influx of immigrants from the Soviet Union brings with it a clutch of world-class athletes in many sporting spheres.

Local observers talk of half the Israeli delegation in Barcelona speaking Russian. Although only two or three Soviet immigrants can realistically stake their claim to a place in the Israeli Olympic squad at this stage, a number of others have registered results close to Olympic minimum qualifying standards. Meanwhile, many other leading Soviet Jewish sportsmen look to be Israel-bound.

Sporting excellence was often a passport to a secure and relatively affluent lifestyle in the eastern bloc countries. Top athletes' lifestyles were governed by the state which so generously sponsored them.

But, as Israel Athletes Association (IAA) secretary Avi Stein points out: "The Soviet immigrants will have to get used to a different systems here. While athletics is seen as a respectable profession in the Soviet Union, here in Israel it suffers from a chronic lack of funds, amenities and public support."

Of all the track and field athletes to have arrived in Israel this year, 23 year-old Vladimir Ostrovski is seen as the best medal prospect. One of the world's top 10 20-kilometre walkers, he has been adopted by sports-mad Kibbutz Ha'Ogen since his aliya in September. Yet can the life of a kibbutz ulpan allow him to maintain his gruelling training schedule?

"An athlete must put in some 50 hours of training a week if he wants to make the grade in modern international competition," said Stein. Although Ostrovski now is coached by a fellow Soviet immigrant, Bat Yam-based Arcadi Floskin, the IAA is currently negotiating the possibility of bringing his former coach to Israel for a month.

Another possibility being explored is Ostrowski joining the Czechoslovakian team for a series of training camps leading up to the world championships in Tokyo next August. Czechoslovakia ranks with Italy and the Soviet Union as world leaders in long-distance walking.

In the throwing events, three Soviet immigrants have already placed themselves at the head of the local pack. Igor Avrulin, 33, whose career peaked in the mid-'80s, has set new national records in both the shot-put and discus events, while Tel Aviv University student Igor Giller and Vadim Babikin-Lerner have improved the local hammer and javelin marks respectively.

Tennis made its debut as an Olympic sport in Seoul in 1988. Israel may have a future medalist in 14 year-old aptly named Anna Smashnova, a recent arrival from Moscow. In last summer's European Junior Championships, her last competition on Russian soil, she finished second in the under-15 section. Unlike Smashnova, little Lika Kazashvilli, who plays in Jaffa, will have to wait until her 14th birthday next year before International Tennis Federation rules will allow her to compete on the local pro circuit.

Other names to watch out for include 16-year-old Anatoli Tolchansky, who can compete with Israel's best in his age group, and Boris Levine, 14, who is coached by his mother at the Ashkelon club.

Israel would almost certainly have its first ever Olympic medalist if the Soviet authorities would allow Valerie Balenkin to leave Russia. The gymnast — gold medalist at the men's World Cup tournament held in Brussels in early November — will almost certainly represent the U.S.S.R. in Barcelona instead.

Among the recent arrivals in girls' gymnastics have been 16-year-old Natasha Mazochenko — already national champion in the recently-introduced rhythmic gymnastics event — and Masha Krupnikov, at 12 already a member of the national team.

In the swimming pool, young immigrants from the Soviet Union and Romania have been pushing the local competition to the limit.

Timea Toth, a former member of the Romanian national team, is seen as the best prospect. Barely two years in the country, she has already set several national records in both the freestyle and butterfly events, in which she ranks among the world's top 100 in the 100 metre and 200 metre.

Whereas Toth looks Barcelona-bound, the chances of other immigrants appear slimmer. Leading contenders include 200-metre backstroker Shimon Savransky, currently hard on the heels of Israel's top swimmer, Eran Grumi, and 17-year-old freestylist Sergei Pirov.

Five of the current national water polo squad — three Russians, a Romanian and a Brazilian — immigrated during the past year. In addition, a number of top-class Soviet Jewish players have contacted the Israeli Water Polo Association from the U.S.S.R. Excited officials now talk openly of Israel qualifying for water polo in the Olympic Games for the first time.

Russian-speaking weightlifters and wrestlers representing Israel at the Olympics would be no novelty. Igor Dandik, a 25-year-old heavyweight with a world-class lift of over 400 kilograms to his credit, already looks likely to follow a long line of Russian-born Israeli Olympic weightlifters, while Boris Goldberg, still only 16, has been widely tipped to join him.

Probably the one sport to have received the strongest backing is wrestling. A phenomenally popular pastime in the U.S.S.R., it has captured the imagination of Israelis.

"Wrestling is going through a transformation here because of the Soviet aliya," said Mort Geller, formerly of Miami, Fla. A referee at the Olympiad as a representative of the U.S., he will carry out the same duties — this time as an Israeli — in Barcelona.

Only a year ago, wrestling was deemed in danger of disappearing in Israel due to apathy and lack of funds, now Israel plans a six-strong team — three in each discipline — in the 1992 Games, just one example of how the Soviet aliya is changing the face of Israeli sport.

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Dreyfus trial influenced Herzl

By
DAVID GEORGE

Theodor Herzyl looks out a balcony towards the Old City. [WZPS photo courtesy Zionist Archives.]

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— It was the arrest, trial and conviction of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in 1894 that turned Theodor Herzl, until then a rather aloof and bookish journalist-playwright, into a political activist.

Years later Herzl himself observed that it was the degradation of Dreyfus and the cries of "Down with the Jews" that rang through the streets of Paris, that turned him into a Zionist.

With terrible acuity, Herzl realized that the Jewish people had no future in Europe and that the realities of the survival of the Jews would be political. So aroused, the charismatic Herzl became a leader, the person who would become the founding father of modern Zionism, the man who established the movement that eventually led to the creation of the State of Israel.

In 1896, two years after the Dreyfus trial, Herzl's *Die Judenstadt* (The Jewish State) was published. Alex Bein, one of Herzl's biographers, notes that the pamphlet was "written in a mood of restless agitation, his ideas were thrown pell-mell into the white heat of spontaneous revelation." What was revealed in these 65 pages dazzled intellectuals and made Jews conscious of their origin and destiny.

Herzl's vision was of a "promised land, where we can have hooked noses, black or red beards and bow legs, without being despised for it, and where we can live at last as free men on our own soil, and where we can die peacefully in our own fatherland."

Nearly a century later, it is interesting to compare Herzl's initial, often utopian picture to the realities of the day.

Although no one was quite sure where the Jewish state would eventually be established (considerations were given to Argentina and Uganda as well as to Palestine), "our ever-memorable historic home . . . where we should there form a portion of a rampart of Europe against Asia, an outpost of civilization as opposed to barbarism."

One sombre feature was that contrary to the evidence of both observation and reason (including several exploratory groups that had toured Palestine and seen there many large Arab cities), Herzl insisted that Palestine was a demographic and cultural vacuum, virtually unpopulated and that whatever people lived there would be happy to receive the modernization brought by the Jews. Even on a personal visit to Palestine in 1898 Herzl remained blind to the fact that the population of Jaffa and Hebron was less than 10 per cent Jewish and the entire region less than three per cent Jewish.

As to the nations that encircled the Holy Land, Herzl's optimism was such that he wrote, "the creation of our state will surely be beneficial to adjacent countries, because the cultivation of any strip of land increases the value of its surrounding districts."

Perhaps because he saw no "natural enemies on our borders," he declared that the Jewish state would remain "forever neutral, in contact with all Europe and Asia, both of which would guarantee our existence." He offered guarantees that the sanctuaries of Christendom would be safeguarded, making no mention whatever of the Muslim holy sites throughout the land.

Concerning economic survival, it was Herzl's contention that once "sovereignty be granted us over a portion of the globe large enough to satisfy the rightful requirements of a nation, the rest we shall manage for ourselves."

This basic plan for self-sufficiency was to be carried out by two agencies — the Society of Jews and the Jewish Company (the first of which later evolved into the World Zionist Organization and the second into the Anglo-Palestinian Bank).

It was inconceivable to Herzl that the new state would depend on the charity of anyone other than the Jews who would eventually make their home there. Certainly he did not consider the possibility of the billions of dollars in loans and grants that would be needed to help the new state survive.

When confronted with the question of language, Herzl observed: "We cannot possibly converse with one another in Hebrew — such a thing cannot be done." He also insisted on giving up Yiddish, "that miserable stunted jargon, that ghetto language which we still employ," and proposed that "every man can preserve the language in which his thoughts are at home."

By using Switzerland as a conclusive possibility for a confederation of tongues, Herzl neglected to realize that one day the Jewish state would be inhabited by Jews from more than 85 different nations.

For all of his false projections, it was Herzl's unique brand of ardor and narrowness of focus that gave him the moral determination to overcome all obstacles and build the institutions that eventually made the Jewish state possible: the Zionist Congress, the newspaper Die Welt, the bank, the extensive diplomatic relationships and the mass following among Jews of Eastern Europe.

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Kibbutzim's project aids Soviet olim

By DEBORAH LIPSON

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— "The absorption of new immigrants into Israeli society is the most important task in Israel today," said Ori Zisling, a member of Kibbutz Ein Harod (Meuchad).

Responsible for the efforts of that kibbutz to offer a "first home in the homeland" to new Soviet immigrants, Zisling said: "The kibbutz does not see it so much as absorbing the immigrants into the kibbutz, as part of a national mission."

Offering a limited number of immigrants who are deemed suitable for kibbutz life the opportunity of spending their first months in the country on a kibbutz is the joint project of Israel's three kibbutz movements, the United Kibbutz Movement, Kibbutz Artzi ad Kibbutz HaDati (the religious kibbutz movement). Their efforts are coordinated by Gershon Castel, a member of Kibbutz Yiftach in the Galilee.

"We developed the idea at the end of 1989, when the first signs of a massive wave of aliya from the Soviet Union were visible," Castel said. "Our aim is to give the immigrants a soft landing in Israel over a specified period of time, during which they will learn Hebrew and cope with their initial adjustment to life here."

A booklet in Russian on the kibbutz and its way of life, together with a map of the country showing where the kibbutzim are situated, were prepared and sent to the Soviet Union with Israel's emissaries working there. The project was also publicized through the media.

"By spring of last year interest in the project was becoming apparent," Castel said.

In some cases it was the family of prospective or new immigrants who contacted the kibbutz movement; in others it was the immigrants themselves — sometimes even before their arrival in Israel.

"At first there were only a few inquiries per week, from May things began to pick up, and we are now so overloaded that we cannot cope with all the requests that we receive."

As of the middle of December 1990, the country's kibbutzim had absorbed 450 families and some 250 single immigrants in 140 kibbutzim throughout the country. One hundred and twenty families entered the scheme in November, close to 160 families were expected to join it in December, "and we anticipate that the rate will continue to grow."

In addition, a further 1,200 young immigrants, aged 17 to 29 were, by the end of 1990, studying in 45 different kibbutz ulpanim, some of them the teenage children of immigrant families, some single immigrants.

"A higher percentage of the immigrants are interested in the kibbutz way of life than among the native Israeli population."

The immigrants are selected after an interview with Russian-speaking staff; a contract is signed between the immigrants and the kibbutz to which they are referred and the newcomers can then move in. They receive a house on the kibbutz with basic furnishings and household utensils; have free use of the kibbutz laundry and receive an allowance to spend at the kibbutz shop; have access to the sports and leisure facilities, may entertain guests from outside the kibbutz, and study in an ulpan, either on the kibbutz or in a local town.

Their children enter the kibbutz educational framework and the family is "adopted" by a kibbutz family. For all this, the immigrants pay a monthly sum which is between 70 and 85 per cent of the "absorption basket" allowance they receive during their first year in the country.

People over the age of 40 are generally not eligible (although the cut-off point is flexible), and the kibbutzim are reluctant to accept three-generational families, "because of problems that the older members have experienced in the first months of the project," Castel explained. The immigrants work between one and three days a month on the kibbutz for a small payment.

At the end of the first six-month period, a length of time which is treated with a certain flexibility to allow it to coincide with the end of the school year, the immigrants may choose to leave the kibbutz, or to stay for a further six months with a similar financial arrangement.

Those who are considering applying to become kibbutz members stop paying at this point and become per-candidates for kibbutz membership. To date, only some 40 to 50 families have reached the end of their first period on the kibbutz; in many of these cases interest has been expressed by both sides in the immigrants becoming members.

Castel does not accept the contention that Soviet Jews are not attracted to the kibbutz way of life because they are "skeptical of anything that smacks of socialism.

"The Soviet immigrants of the 1970s were Zionists, but were right-wing, while the immigrants of today are in an ideological vacuum, are more pragmatic and open-minded. Many ask: 'If this is socialism, what is capitalism?' "

Yuri and Vera Zaslavsky, who arrived at Ein Harod from Leningrad in July 1990 with their nine-year-old child, agree. Aged 40 plus, they were pleasantly surprised at being accepted into the project.

"We like it here, and my wife definitely wants to stay," Zaslavsky said.

"We have always preferred living in the country and knew that a kibbutz is totally different from a Soviet collective farm. The notion of a collective way of life never worried us."

The kibbutzim can offer a first home in the country to about 10,000 immigrant families, Castel says.

"This is a drop in the ocean, and it is also only a temporary solution."

The size of the project is limited by the ability of the kibbutzim to offer work to the new immigrants.

Yet Castel remains optimistic. He notes that growth of industry in the peripheral areas of the country and the changes currently underway in the kibbutz movement.

"An increasing number of kibbutz members are working in their profession outside the kibbutz, and this will help us to absorb the new immigrants."

The Fridman family pose by a tractor at Kibbutz Ramat Rahel in Jerusalem. [WZPS photo]

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Haganah offered Jewish settlers feeling of security

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—Vicious Arab attacks on Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa and the Galilee in the early part of the century made it clear that the Jewish settlers could not rely on the recently installed British Mandatory authorities for protection.

Settlers would not survive without their own militia. Thus, in 1920 the Haganah was established, the underground military organization of pre-state Israel.

On May 31, 1948, just 17 days after the Jewish state became independent, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence David Ben Gurion declared that the Haganah had shed its clandestine character and would hitherto become the official army of the State of Israel.

To maintain continuity, the name of the Haganah was incorporated into the official name of the army of the new state: Zeva Haganah le-Israel (Israel Defence Forces).

Inevitably, though, in the divisive politics of pre-State Israel, the Haganah did not always command the support of the entire Jewish population. As the noted Israeli social, political and historical observer Dan Segre observes in his book *Israel, A Society in Transition*, "The Haganah was an inextricably linked socialist and military movement from the beginning."

Nevertheless, when it was founded in 1920, the Haganah was vigorously supported by Jews sickened by brutal Arab killings, such as the assault on Tel Hai in the Upper Galilee in March 1920 and on Hebron in 1929. Throughout the 1920s, the Haganah struggled bravely to protect Jewish settlements, relying on meager arms caches of revolvers, rifles and grenades. A network of commanders and defence committees was established with commander-in-chief Yosef Hecht receiving his budget from the Histadrut Trade Union Movement whose secretary then was Ben Gurion.

The Arab uprising against the Jews in 1929 persuaded the Histadrut that the Haganah had to be expanded and strengthened. Hecht resigned because he felt that expansion compromised the Haganah's underground nature. Eliyahu Golomb, one of the Haganah's original founders and a member of the Histadrut's Haganah committee, took control.

Right-wing Haganah members were alienated and broke away to form the Irgun Zvai Leumi. The Haganah itself consolidated and expanded its activities and accepted the authority of the Jewish Agency, now led by Ben Gurion. The British authorities were aware of the existence of the Haganah but took no serious steps to arrest its members or find its arms caches, though some import consignments of arms were seized.

By 1939, the Haganah had 20 branches with 25,000 men and women and its arsenal included 6,000 rifles and 220 machine guns. During the Second World War they encouraged many of their members to join the Jewish units established by the British army and proceeded to set up networks for the clandestine acquisition of weapons from the British army.

Haganah members man a Jerusalem-bound convoy of trucks. [WZPS photo courtesy Zionist Archives]

At the same time a new internal organization was established to include a Field Force of combat soldiers, a Guard Force of older members and the Gadna, to train youth between 14 and 18 for combat. In 1941, the Palmach crack combat units were set up.

Meanwhile, the right-wing Irgun Zvai Leumi, led by Menachem Begin, and the newly formed Stern Gang, led by Yitzhak Shamir, became more bitter, advocating less restraint and more counter attacks against the Arabs. From 1944 onwards they also targeted British soldiers in an attempt to bring the mandate to a premature close.

As hostility between the Haganah and the British authorities grew, in the years preceding independence, so antagonism between the Haganah and Irgun declined. In 1946, the Haganah blew up all the bridges on Palestine's borders whereby the British imprisoned Jewish Agency leaders and conducted searches of kibbutzim uncovering many arms caches in the process.

Headed by Yitzhak Sadeh and later by Israel Galili, the Haganah's activities increasingly focused on smuggling illegal immigrants into Israel. When the Anglo-American Commission on Palestine visited the country in 1947, it met Haganah leaders and concluded that they had every chance of protecting a viable Jewish state.

This greatly influenced the United Nations, which in November 1947 voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. As independence loomed in early 1948, the Haganah's long years of preparation were about to be tested. On the eve of the War of Independence, the Haganah boasted 45,000 members, 10,000 of whom were in combat field units and 3,000 in the elite Palmach. The rest is history.

In April and May 1948, the Haganah captured Safed, Tiberias and Jaffa and repulsed the Iraqi and Syrian armies and the Arab Legion. In the south, the Egyptians were turned back and the siege of Jerusalem lifted. It was then that the Haganah officially became the IDF, the Israel Defence Forces.

It remains a historical argument as to whether the Irgun's more militant tactics hastened the departure of the British from Eretz Israel. But few would dispute Segre, who wrote, "When the War of Independence broke out, the Haganah formed the spearhead of the Jewish defence organization and was largely responsible for the military survival of the Jewish state."

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Answer: Amongst the significant changes made to RRSP rules last year is the basis on which earned income is calculated. The important point is that earned income is no longer based on earnings in the year of the tax deduction, but rather on the previous year.

Therefore, the ability to make an RRSP deposit will depend on your son's 1990 earned income for his 1991 RRSP deposit. If he had no earned income in 1990, he will not be allowed a deposit for 1991.

This seems to be unfair because it appears that he loses one year of RRSP contributions, but he could regain the lost year at the tail end of his work years. For example, if a person retires at age 65, he or she could make an RRSP contribution in their 66th year based on the income earned the previous year prior to retirement. What is actually lost, however, is the tax sheltered growth of the funds that your son would have had under the "old" rules.

Question: Can I arrange a reverse mortgage for three years as I wish to sell my house at that time and move out of Toronto? The purpose of this mortgage is to help my daughter with a down payment to purchase a house.

Answer: Your question brings up an interesting variation of the traditional reverse mortgage arrangement. Normally, a reverse mortgage can provide some cash as well as increased income for life.

No payments are made on the mortgage and the home owners continue to live in the house for as long as they desire, regardless of how long that may be. When they leave the home or both are deceased, the home is sold, the mortgage is paid off and the balance of the equity reverts to the estate.

With the increased attention to reverse mortgages, there have been inquiries for short-term mortgages. As a result changes in the basic plan have made available mortgages of three to 10 years duration.

In your situation, the three-year term would seem to fit just right. The mortgage is closed for the three years, but can be paid off after that time when you sell your house.

All questions on annuities, RRIFs or RRSPs should be directed to Sherr, Bergstein & Krackower Annuity Insurance Agency, 272 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 203, Toronto, Ont. M5M 4M1; telephone (416) 787-4517.

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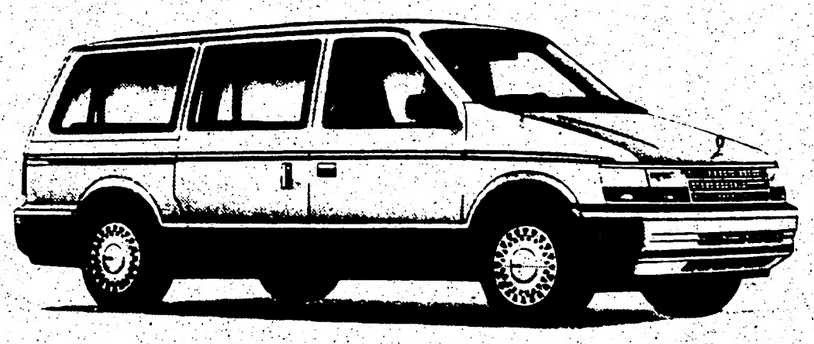

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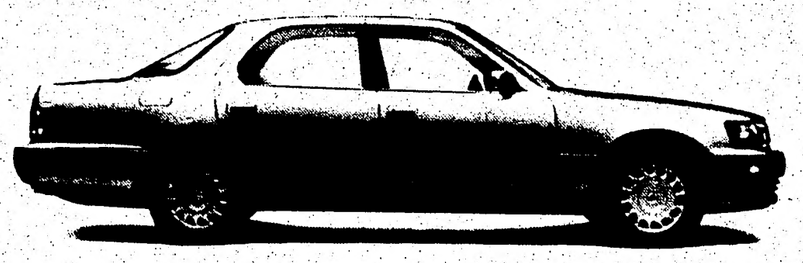

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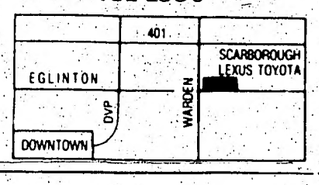

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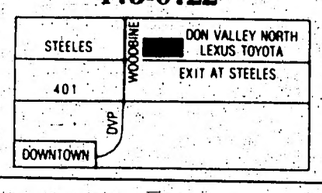

Business Outlook

B.C. legislature freezes tax rates

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
The provincial legislature here has passed a Taxpayer Protection Act which freezes provincial tax rates for three years, as of Jan. 30, 1991.

Another portion of the Act requires the minister of finance to table a balanced budget annually.

Under this section expenditures cannot exceed revenues, nor can expenditures grow at an annual rate faster than the average growth rate of the economy for the previous five years. This means, Finance Minister Elwood Veitch said, that the size of government relative to the provincial economy will not increase. Government spending currently equals 18.5 per cent of the provincial Gross Domestic Product.

The freeze applies to taxes on income, retail sales, logging, minerals, mineral land, mining, insurance premiums, corporation capital, property purchase, fire protection, horse racing and hotel room rentals.

Veitch said the freeze "gives British Columbians a chance to cope with the uncertainties of the current economic downturn. Taxpayers will not be forced to pay more money in taxes — money which would otherwise be available to buy the goods and services that keep the economy moving."

"Fairer system"

Lyall Hanson, minister of municipal affairs, has called on local governments to join in the taxpayers' protection plan by holding property taxes to 1990 levels. He said local government must support the provincial initiative "or risk the possibility of future limitations" in provincial grants.

Hanson said in a statement that "we have listened to local government concerns and created a fairer system of education taxation. Coupled with a $50 million increase in homeowner grants for property owners hit with big tax increases in 1990, most property owners will see no increase on the school tax portion of their property tax bill this spring. Many will actually pay less in school taxes."

The homeowner's grant totals 50 per cent of school property taxes in excess of the basic grant.

Under a new grants system going into effect this year, school districts get their money under a block funding plan. Special purpose grants totalling $17 million will go out to 49 school districts prior to the implementation of block funding. Under block funding schools will get $5,000 per pupil in some districts ranging to $10,000 per pupil in others.

Business Forum set for May 6 in Haifa

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The success of the initial Business Forum has prompted a second conference May 6 to 9 in Haifa.

The press release states that the aim of the Second Business Forum is to bring together about 300 business people, half of them from overseas, all of whom are second generation.

The Israeli Forum, an apolitical, not-for-profit association that successfully organized the initial conference, was established nearly six years ago to promote and cultivate direct contacts with Jews in the Diaspora in all fields of activity, the release says.

Members of the Forum recognize this contact as a vital component for the future of the Israel. The release states that in view of the weakening ties between the young Jewish generation abroad and Israeli sabras, both sides feel a profound need to create a broad basis for communication, contact and co-operation.

The participants in the conference will receive information about projects from all sectors of the Israeli economy. These will be accompanied by an executive summary, business plan and feasibility study.

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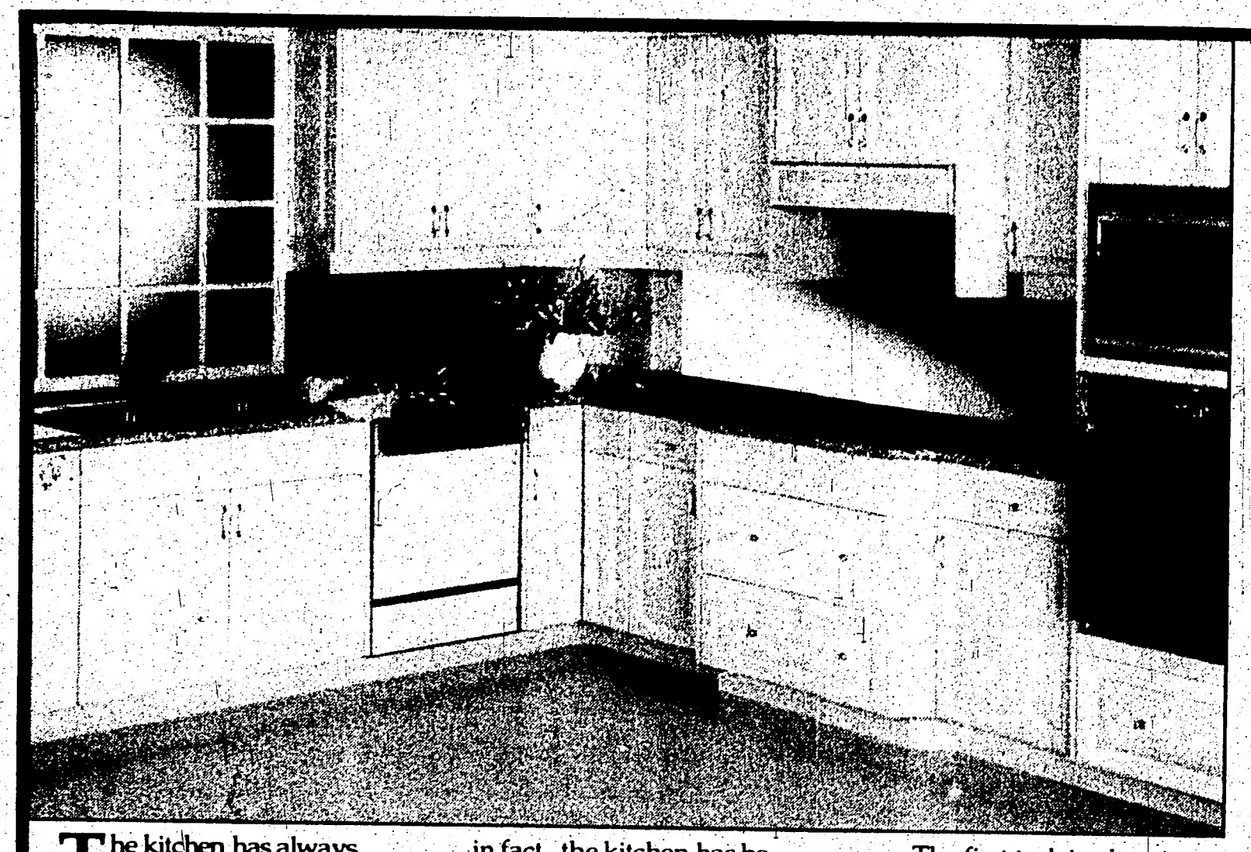

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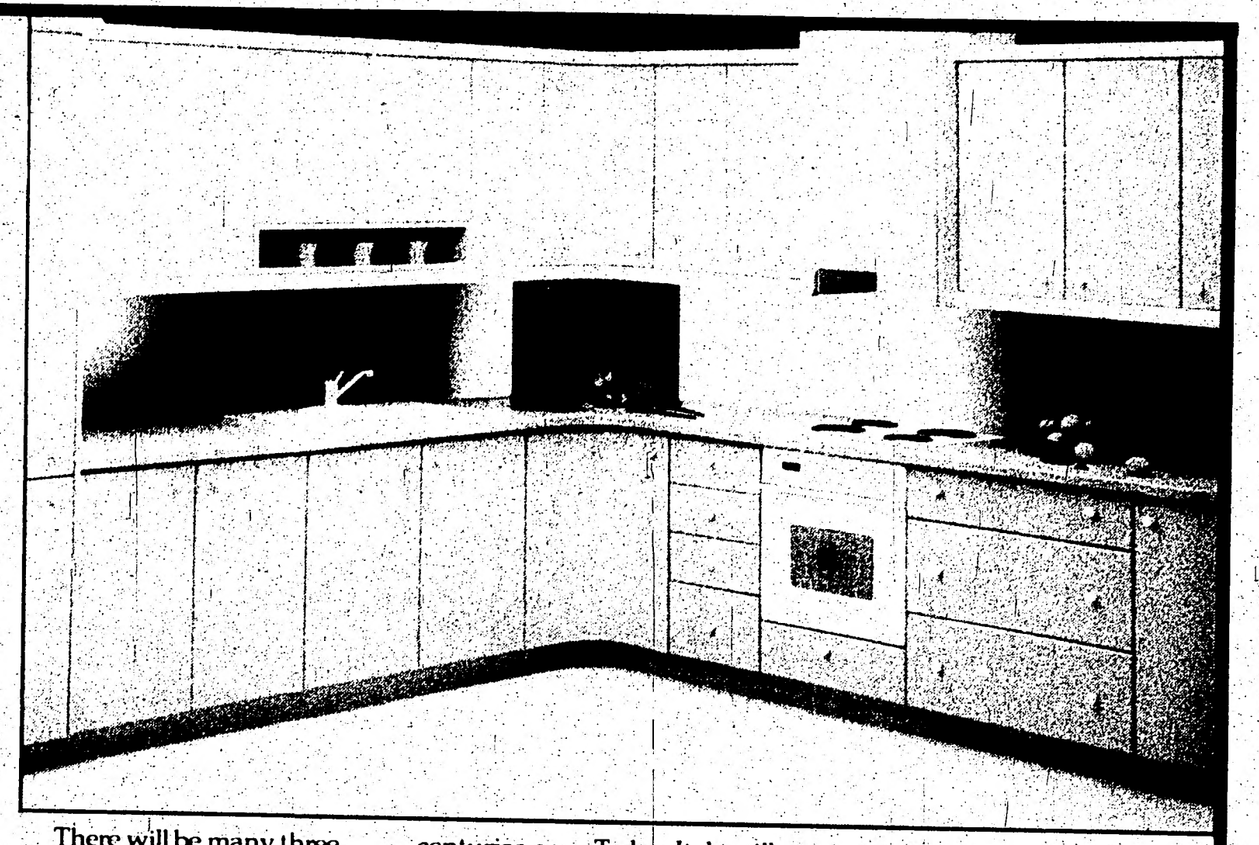

The kitchen has always reflected society's interests. The turn-of-the century kitchen is remembered for its oversized coziness: a place where the family gathered to share meals, relax with friends, and work.

Today's kitchen combines the strongest features of yesterday's. It's a meeting place for family and friends, a room to display collectibles, and an efficient and functional place for food preparation. It reflects and enhances contemporary lifestyles. For many, in fact, the kitchen has become the most important room in the house — so important that its remodelling may seem intimidating.

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The first task is planning your new kitchen to suit both your needs and budget. For even the smallest remodelling, it is generally wise to consult a local kitchen planner. Professionals can save you time, prevent costly mistakes, and assist you in choosing the most efficient and attractive kitchen design.

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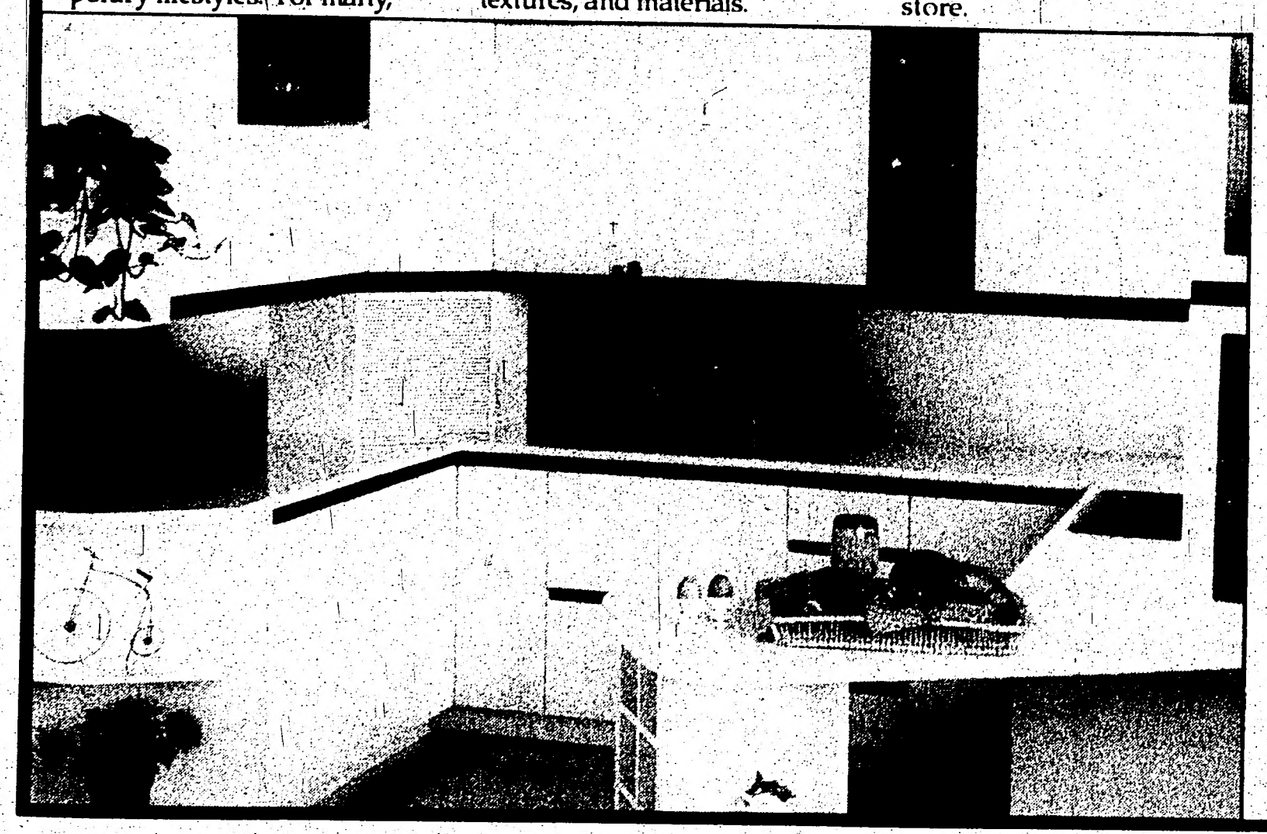

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Kitchen efficiency is paramount. The available space should be utilized so as to maximize functionality and available storage. Bigger isn't always better when it comes to creating your dream kitchen.

Plan for the future. Your budget may not allow for a microwave this year, but your new kitchen design should be able to accommodate that option in the future. A new appliance will cost three times as much if a wall of cabinets has to be ripped apart in order to install it.

It's wise to replace cabinets if they're no longer functional or if the entire kitchen is being remodelled. Quality or "high level" cabinetry will be more expensive, but in the long run it's a much better investment.

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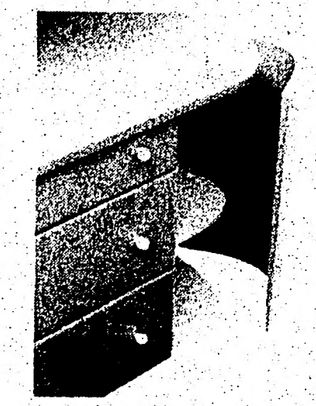

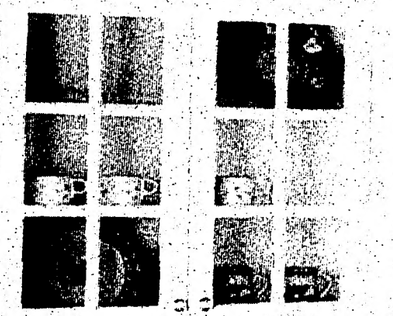

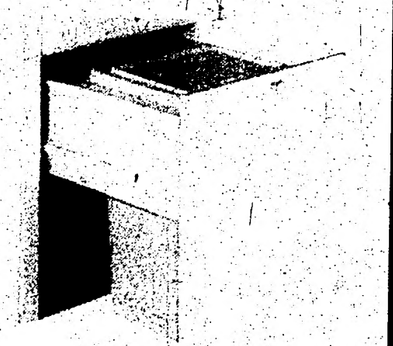

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STRAIGHT HOURLY RATE — NO HIDDEN CHARGES!
Honesty is our Policy
SPECIAL RATES FOR SENIORS
TRACY PLUMBING & HEATING
651-2200

This Week's Specials...

SUNNY BROOK

CANDLELIGHTING TIME IS 7:37 P.M.

THE KOSHER SPECIALISTS

241 Wilmington Ave.
(THE BATHURST MANOR PLAZA)
305 Finch Ave. W.
(FINCH & BATHURST, FINCHURST PLAZA)

NEWS BULLETIN
Closed Saturday
Open Sunday
9 a.m.-6 p.m.

SUNNY BROOK fruits & vegetables

SUNNY BROOK kosher meat

HI-DRI PAPER TOWELS
2 ROLL PKG.
Extra Low Price
.69

SPECIAL .39 LB. 86 KG.
FROM THE TROPICS ...
BANANAS

SPECIAL 2.99 DOZ.
PRODUCT OF SPAIN
NAVEL ORANGES

SPECIAL 5/1.99
DIRECT FROM FLORIDA...
WHITE GRAPEFRUIT

SPECIAL 1.99 10 LB. BAG
ONT. #1 GRADE
COOKING ONIONS

1.99 LB. 4.39 KG.
FRESH!
GARLIC CLOVES

CUT FROM THE FINEST GRADE "A" BEEF
FRESH! KOSHER
RIB STEAKS
SPECIAL 5.49 LB. 12.10 KG.

CHAI KOSHER
FRESH-FROZEN
CHICKEN LEGS
SPECIAL 1.49 LB. 3.28 KG.

SUNNY BROOK groceries & dairy

CHAI KOSHER
FRESH-FROZEN
SKINLESS & BONELESS
CHICKEN BREASTS
Extra Low Price
5.99 LB. 13.21 KG.

CAVENDISH FARMS
FRENCH FRIES ASST. 1 KG. BAG KOSHER
SPECIAL .99

POST
BRAN FLAKES 400 G. BOX
SPECIAL .99

HELLMAN'S MAYONNAISE
750 ML. JAR
SPECIAL 3.49

SUNNY BROOK groceries & dairy

SPECIAL .99
RIVIERA PEACHES 28 FL. OZ. TIN
HALVES OR SLICES

PRODUCT OF U.S.A. CAN. #1 GRADE
RED EMPEROR GRAPES
Extra Low Price
.99 LB. 2.18 KG.

FOULD'S
MAC'N CHEESE
DINNER 7.25 OZ. BOX KOSHER
SPECIAL 3/1.00

SPECIAL 3/1.00
KEDEM
TEA BISCUITS 150 G. PKG.

UNCLE BEN'S
CONVERTED RICE 2 KG. BAG
SPECIAL 3.99

SPECIAL .99
CAPE COD OR CHARLES
POTATO CHIPS 180-199 GR. BAG

Prices in effect Wednesday to Tuesday.
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

FREE SUNNYBROOK Shuttle Bus Service
Tuesdays & Thursdays
PROVIDED BY Shomer Transportation Inc.

PICK UP AT	PICK UP AT	PICK UP AT	PICK UP AT
Cedarcroft & Bathurst (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)	**135 Antibes Dr.** (in front of apartment building)	**15 & 25 Canyon Ave.** (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)	**4455 Bathurst St.** (in front of apartment building)
	PICK UP AT **JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.** (at main entrance)		PICK UP AT **B'nai Brith Building** 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)

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Transit service will not run on Jewish & Civic Holidays.

Freshness You can taste! Service you'll appreciate!